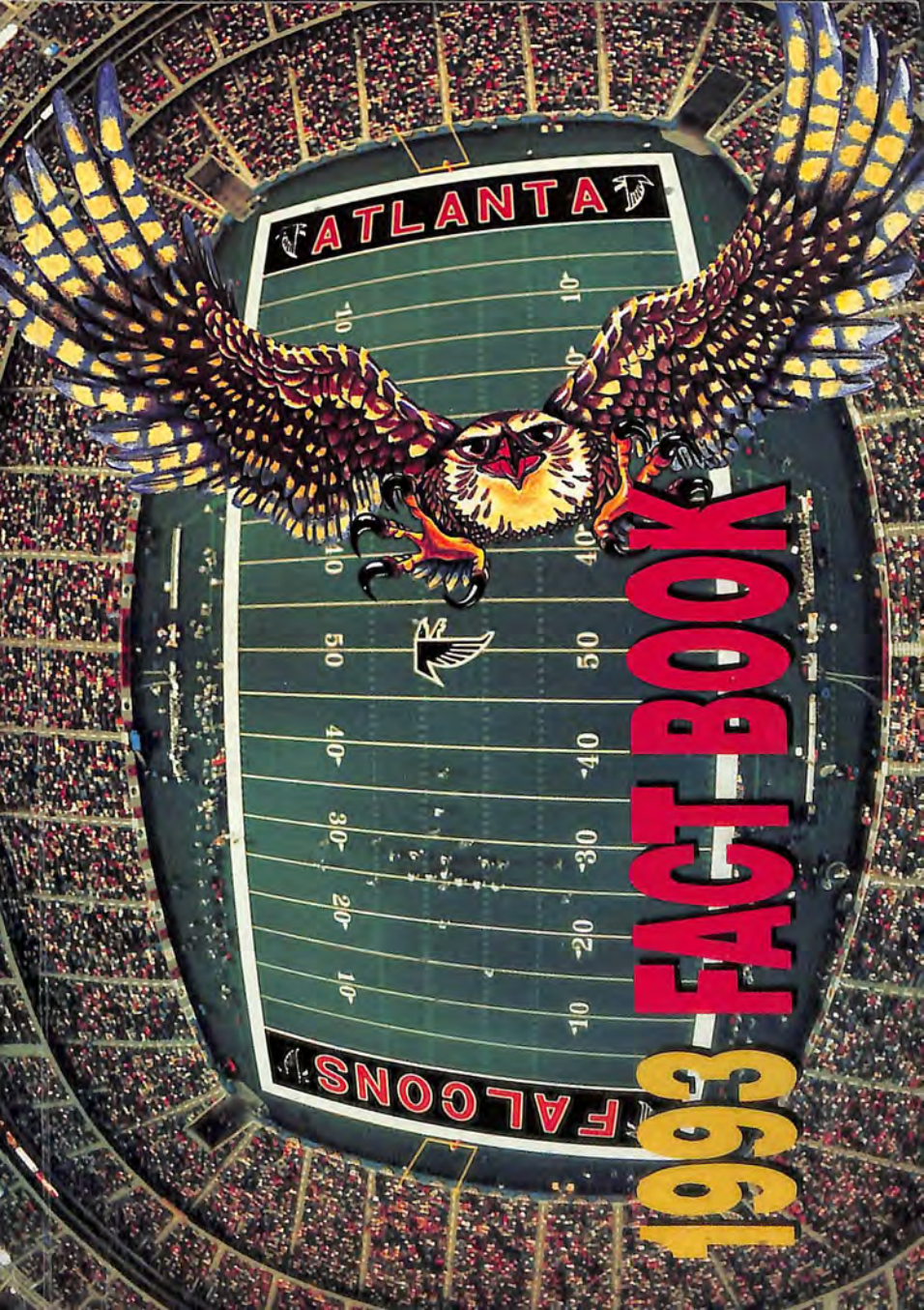




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1993 SCHEDULE

Preseason

Fri, Aug 6	Miami Dolphins	7:30 p.m.	WSB-TV
Sat, Aug 14	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7:30 p.m.	WSB-TV
Sat, Aug 21	at Philadelphia Eagles	7:30 p.m.	WSB-TV
Sun, Aug 27	at Buffalo Bills	8:00 p.m.	WSB-TV

Regular Season

Sun, Sep 5	at Detroit Lions	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Sep 12	New Orleans Saints	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Sep 19	at San Francisco 49ers	4 p.m.	CBS-TV
Mon, Sep 27	Pittsburgh Steelers	9 p.m.	ABC-TV*
Sun, Oct 3	at Chicago Bears	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Oct 10	BYE		
Thur, Oct 14	L.A. Rams	7:30 p.m.	TNT-WSB*
Sun, Oct 24	at New Orleans Saints	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Oct 31	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Nov 7	BYE		
Sun, Nov 14	at L.A. Rams	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Nov 21	Dallas Cowboys	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Nov 28	Cleveland Browns	1 p.m.	NBC-TV
Sun, Dec 5	at Houston Oilers	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sat, Dec 11	San Francisco 49ers	4 p.m.	CBS-TV*
Sun, Dec 19	at Washington Redskins	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Dec 26	at Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.	CBS-TV
Sun, Jan 2	Phoenix Cardinals	1 p.m.	CBS-TV

All Kickoffs Atlanta Time

* Nationally Televised Game

All games live on WSB Radio Network

Postseason

January 8-9	First Round Playoffs	ABC-TV
January 15-16	Divisional Playoffs	CBS & NBC
January 23	Conference Championships	CBS & NBC
January 30	Super Bowl XXVIII, Georgia Dome, 6 p.m.	NBC-TV

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'92 NFL LEADERS, TD PASSES

33 ATLANTA FALCONS

- 29 San Francisco 49ers
- 27 Houston Oilers
- 24 Miami Dolphins
- 23 Rams, Cowboys, Bills

'92 NET YARDS PASSING

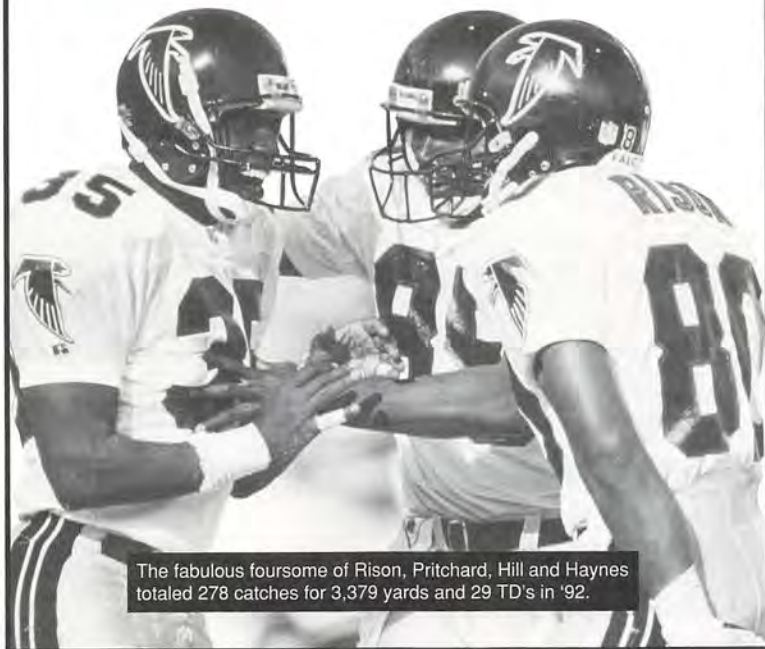
- 4029 Houston Oilers
- 3975 Miami Dolphins
- 3880 San Francisco 49ers
- 3635 ATLANTA FALCONS**
- 3485 Dallas Cowboys

'92 NFL COMPLETION LEADERS

- 373 Houston Oilers
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- 336 ATLANTA FALCONS**
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'92 FIRST DOWNS PASSING

- 217 Houston Oilers
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The fabulous foursome of Rison, Pritchard, Hill and Haynes totaled 278 catches for 3,379 yards and 29 TD's in '92.

FALCON FACTS

OFFICE/TRAINING FACILITY	Atlanta Falcons
(Mailing Address)	2745 Burnette Road Suwanee, GA 30174 (404) 945-1111 FAX: (404) 271-1221
TICKET OFFICE	One Georgia Dome Drive Atlanta, GA 30313 (404) 223-8000
HOME FIELD	Georgia Dome Capacity: 71,594 Surface: AstroTurf
NFL SEASON	28th (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Black, Red, Silver & White

MEDIA FACTS

CREDENTIALS: All requests should be submitted in writing, when possible, and as far in advance as possible to the P.R. office. For working media on assignment, credentials will be issued on a priority basis to daily newspapers, wire services, local TV and radio stations, national publications and networks, plus primary media of the visiting team through that club's P.R. office.

DAY OF GAME: The Press Will Call Window (Gate E) opens two hours before kickoff. Enter through Gate E, take press elevator, then exit directly off the elevator to the press box. Three courtesy telephones are available to be shared. Media needing their own should contact the telephone company well in advance.

PRACTICE: To visit the Falcons' training site, take Interstate 85 north of Atlanta to Exit 44, turn left over bridge, then left again, where Complex will be on your right. Training Camp practice times are 9:00 am and 3:00 p.m.; regular season practice is approximately 1 p.m. Interviews can be arranged through the P.R. office with an open locker room during the season after the practice.

WEEKLY CONFERENCES: On Wednesday, conference calls with the visiting team will be arranged and the visiting P.R. representative will be at the Falcon Complex to handle media requests.

FANtastic

The Falcons set 27-year franchise records for season attendance in '92. For the 10 home games, including two preseason, the Falcons distributed over 703,000 tickets, with the actual in house count setting a record at over 635,000. For the entire season, the birds drew over 1.2 million fans (also a record). They averaged 70,340 per game last year at home and are expected to equal or top that this fall.

The Falcons have SOLD OUT their last eleven Home Games. Nineteen of the 24 home games since '90 have been complete sell outs as the birds have won 67% of their games in their home nest.



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A WORLDWIDE EVENT

Super Bowl XXVII was seen by over 800 million people worldwide, including 100 countries and Armed Forces TV, with 40 countries carrying the game live at all hours of the day and night around the globe. The game was the most watched program in the history of TV as over 133 million Americans tuned in for the event.

REVENUE

The economic impact of having the Super Bowl in Atlanta brings 150 million into the city. With a large contingent of Company and Corporate chief executive officers and decision makers attending a Super Bowl, they're likely to return to a Super Bowl city with their conventions and meetings, bringing even more revenue.

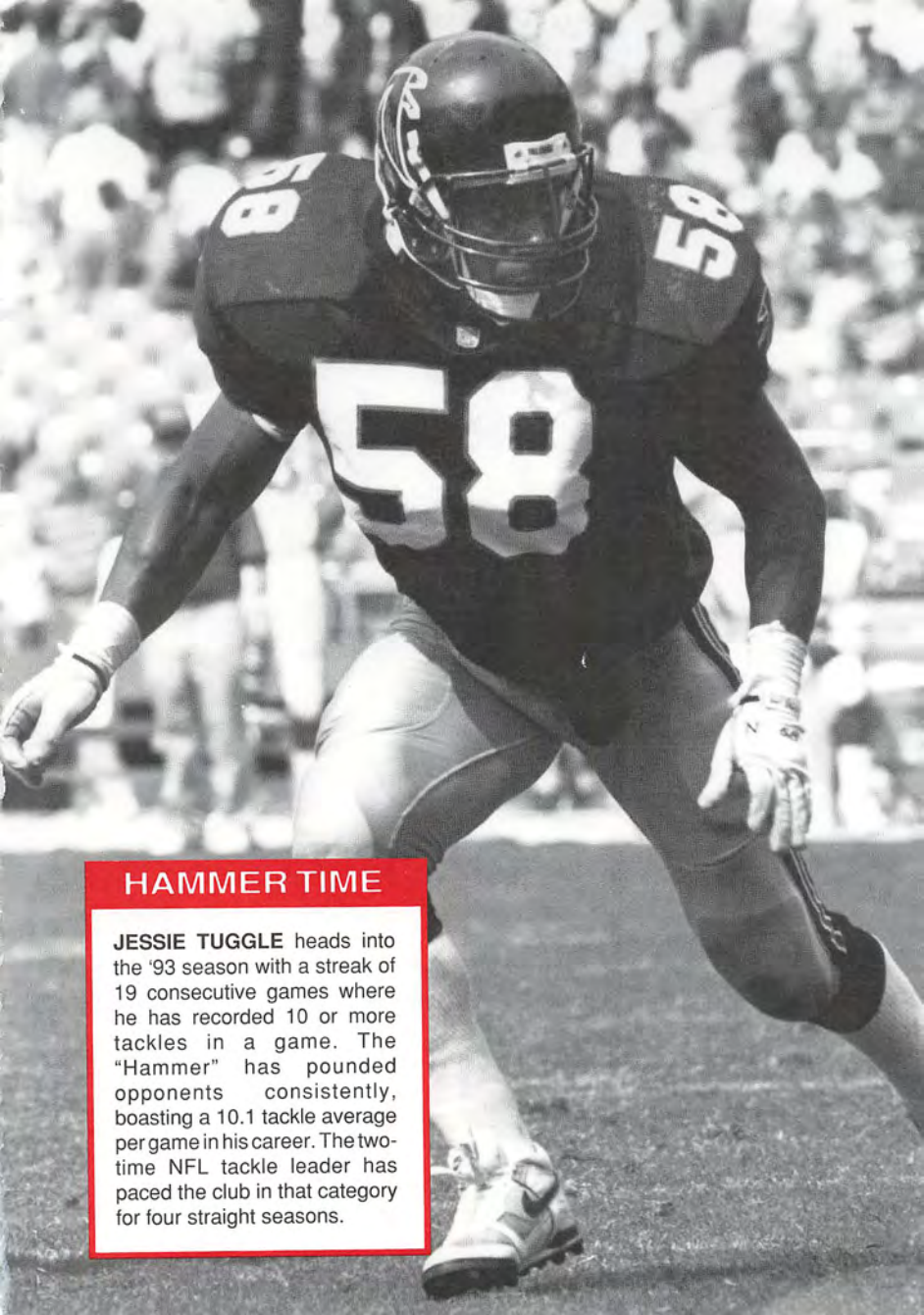
TV RATINGS

The Top Ten Sports Events ever broadcast in TV history are all Super Bowls (all with 45-49 ratings). Last year, here's how a Super Bowl compared with other sporting events.

EVENT	RATING
Super Bowl	45.1
World Series	24.0
NCAA Final Four	22.2
Winter Olympics '92	18.7
Sugar Bowl '93	18.2
Summer Olympics '92	17.2
Baseball All-Star	14.9
Rose Bowl '93	14.3
NBA Championships	14.2
NBA All-Star Game '93	13.5
Golf (Masters)	06.1
Tennis (U.S. Open)	05.1

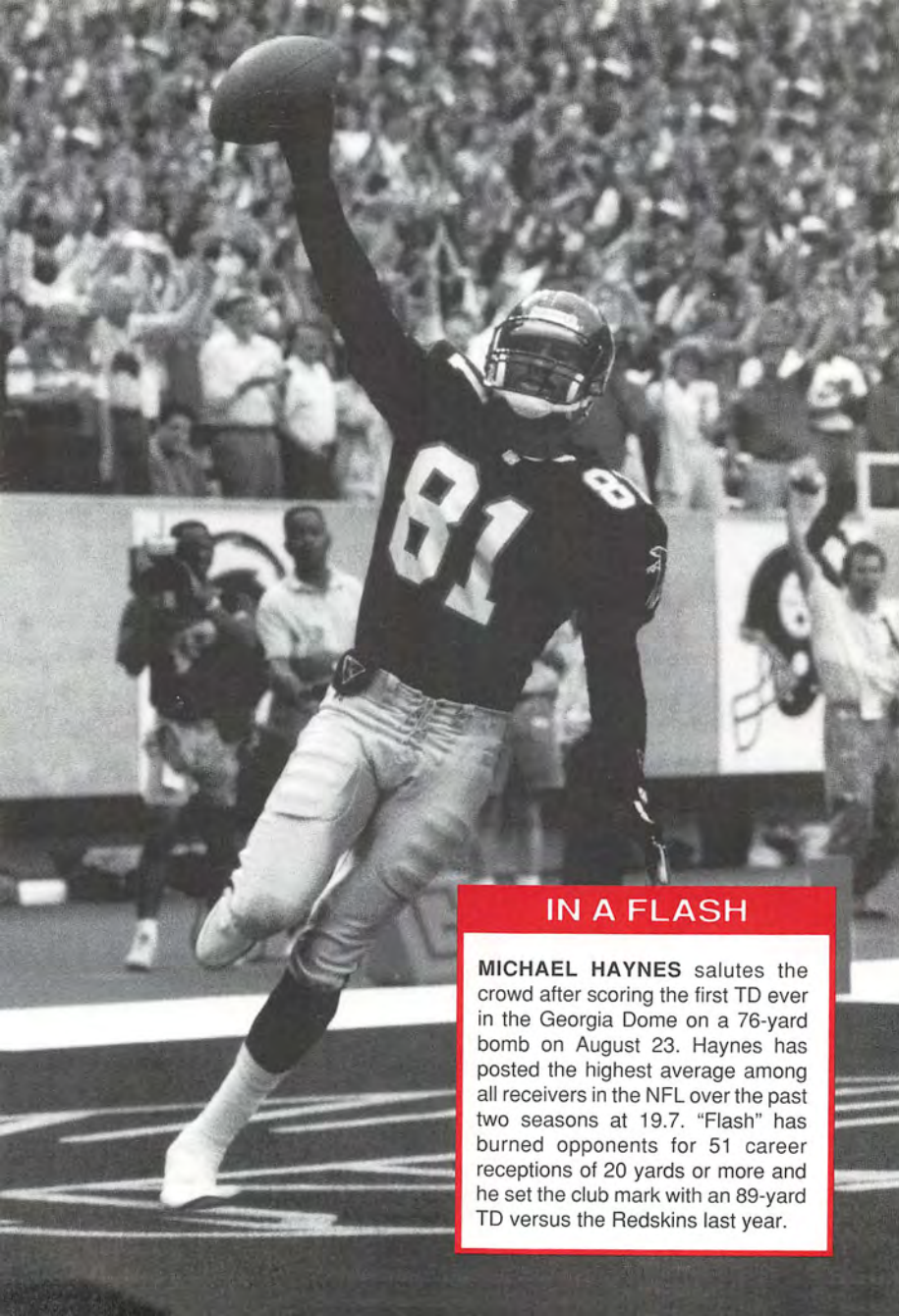
MEDIA

Atlanta's name will be in datelines in all 50 states and hundreds of countries around the world. Over 3,000 media, including 500 from outside the U.S. are credentialed for the events, while thousands more requests have to be turned down.



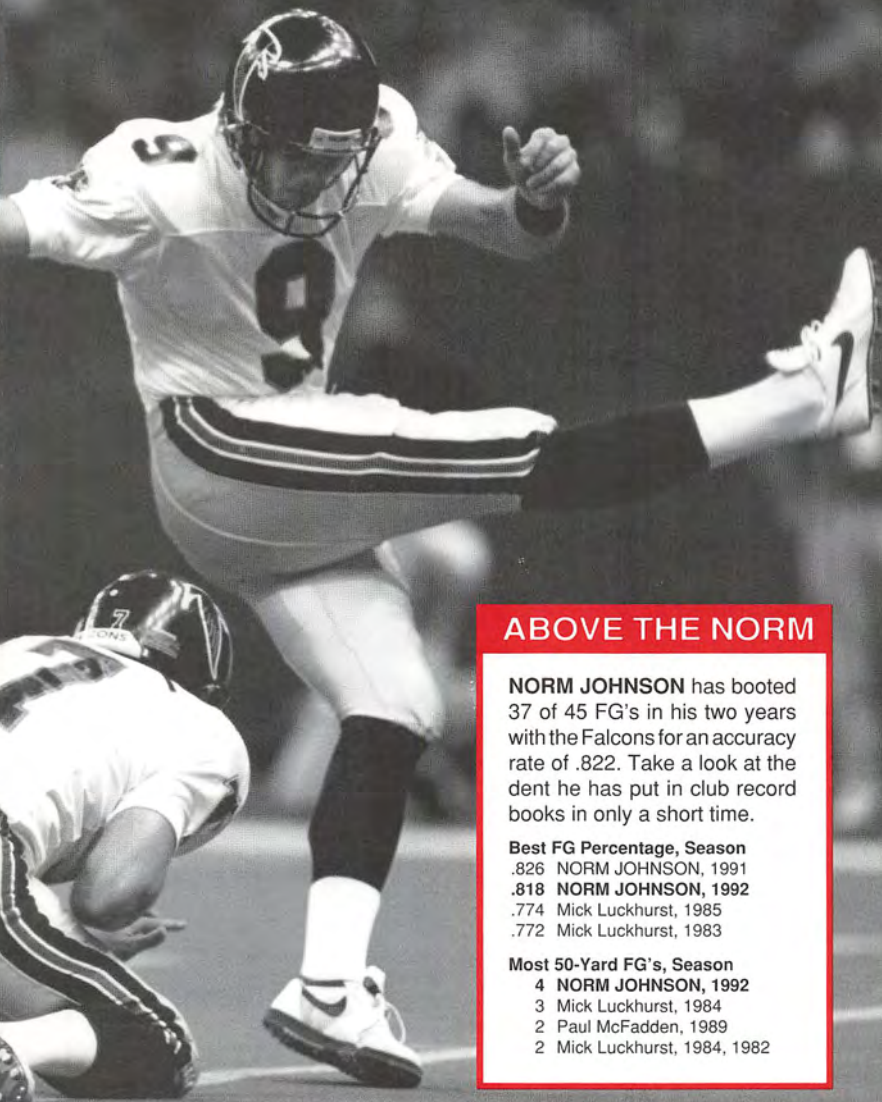
HAMMER TIME

JESSIE TUGGLE heads into the '93 season with a streak of 19 consecutive games where he has recorded 10 or more tackles in a game. The "Hammer" has pounded opponents consistently, boasting a 10.1 tackle average per game in his career. The two-time NFL tackle leader has paced the club in that category for four straight seasons.



IN A FLASH

MICHAEL HAYNES salutes the crowd after scoring the first TD ever in the Georgia Dome on a 76-yard bomb on August 23. Haynes has posted the highest average among all receivers in the NFL over the past two seasons at 19.7. "Flash" has burned opponents for 51 career receptions of 20 yards or more and he set the club mark with an 89-yard TD versus the Redskins last year.



ABOVE THE NORM

NORM JOHNSON has booted 37 of 45 FG's in his two years with the Falcons for an accuracy rate of .822. Take a look at the dent he has put in club record books in only a short time.

Best FG Percentage, Season

.826 **NORM JOHNSON**, 1991

.818 **NORM JOHNSON**, 1992

.774 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

.772 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most 50-Yard FG's, Season

4 **NORM JOHNSON**, 1992

3 Mick Luckhurst, 1984

2 Paul McFadden, 1989

2 Mick Luckhurst, 1984, 1982



QB DEPTH

The Falcons have the luxury of three quality veteran signal-callers on their roster. QB's in the NFL rarely play long stretches without injury. Over the **LAST TWO SEASONS**, only **THREE** QB's among the 28 NFL teams (10.7%) have started 32 consecutive games:

Jim Everett	Rams
Mark Rypien	Redskins
Dan Marino	Dolphins

◀ *Falcons have won 13 of the last 21 games Chris Miller has played. He's the only NFL QB to throw 15 TD's or more the past four seasons*

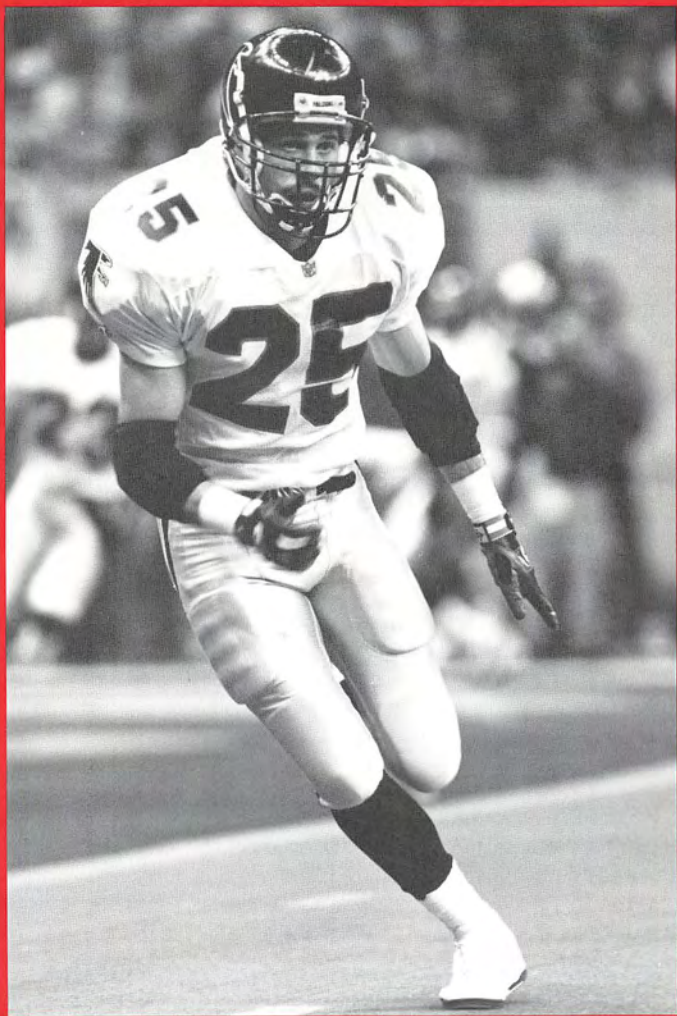
LAST SEASON, only seven QB's of the 28 (25%) lasted through the regular season without sustaining a serious injury:

Troy Aikman	Cowboys
Jim Everett	Rams
Mark Rypien	Redskins
Bobby Hebert	Saints
Steve Young	49ers
Dave Krieg	Chiefs
Dan Marino	Dolphins

► *Bobby Hebert won 65% of his games as a Saint and has won a USFL title.*



PLAYERS



STEVE BROUSSARD



Acquisition: 1st round,
20th overall, 1990 Draft

Washington State
4th Year
Ht: 5'7" Wt: 201
Born: 2-22-67

RB/WR

44



Last Season

Broussard was the **club's rushing leader again for the second straight year** with 363 yards and also posted the **best per rush** average at 4.3. His third NFL season began slowly as he was felled with a shoulder injury in training camp and didn't see his first action until Week 2 at Washington. Steve's best rushing output of the season came against the Cardinals when he totaled 87 yards on only 16 carries for a 5.4 average. Three weeks later at New Orleans he averaged 7.9 yards per carry, gaining 63 yards on just eight runs. His other top outing was a two touchdown affair against the Patriots on an eight-yard run and 18-yard reception. But re-occurring shoulder problems forced Broussard to miss parts of games throughout the year. He had minor shoulder (clavicle) surgery in the off-season (February) to be 100% for 1993.

Pro Career

He is averaging 4.1 yards per carry in his career which now spans 47 NFL games played. He put his name in the **club record** book in '91 with a single game per rush average of **10.4** yards (10-104) at San Francisco in Week 7. Incidentally, the 104 yards all came in the fourth quarter as the Falcons were working the clock. Broussard's 50-yard touchdown jaunt as a rookie in '90 is still tied for the 10th longest run in team history.

Year-by-Year

1991: He paced the club in the rushing department for the first time in his career with 449 yards. He also had a team-best 4.5 average and four touchdowns. Steve recorded his first 100-yard game as a pro with 101 yards at San Diego and then also hit the century mark at San Francisco (10-104). He scored a personal-best two touchdowns against the Rams but his season was ended against the Seahawks in Week 16 when he fractured his right fibula and was unable to participate in the post season.

1990: In Steve's rookie year, he combined for 614 all-purpose yards with 454 coming on the ground and 160 more on 24 receptions. He saved his best game for the national spotlight as he turned a routine right end sweep for a 50-yard touchdown run versus the Bengals on TNT.

He also registered an 88-yard rushing day vs. Lions and a 55-yard effort (with four catches) vs. Rams before suffering various injuries (hamstring, ankle, knee) in the second half of his first season.

Notebook

When Broussard's name was called by Commissioner Tagliabue at the 1990 NFL draft, he became the first Falcons running back to be selected on the first round since Gerald Riggs in '82. The pick was ironic because the birds were given the draft choice as part of compensation for trading Riggs to the Redskins in '89. He also was the first runner to start in the backfield in his first pro game with the Falcons since William Andrews in '79.

College

Steve amassed 3,044 rushing yards at the Pullman, WA school, which was second only to the ex-Saints RB Rueben Mayes. He broke Mayes' **school record** with 41 lifetime TD's, 33 on the ground, and reeled off long runs of 81, 71 and 59 yards, while also catching longs of 79t, 77, 66, 48 and 46t yards. The shifty runner racked up personal bests of 205, 199 and 153 rushing days and had six straight 100-yard-plus outings as a senior. Broussard also hauled in 120 passes for 1,179 yards, leading the PAC-10 as a sophomore with 59 catches and scored on 98 yard KOR. **Only he and Ahmad Rashad ever won both conference rushing and receiving titles.**

Personal

A native of Los Angeles, Steve was raised by Worley and Jennette Broussard. He helped run his Manual Arts High School team to the prestigious L.A. city title during his senior season from his all-state halfback position. He also doubled as a linebacker. Growing up just two blocks from the campus of USC, he spurned the Trojan offers to escape his tough neighborhood in south-central L.A. for scenic Washington State. Broussard developed his explosive speed by competing in track, winning the LA city crown in the 100 meters. An avid video player, he has been working on setting up various *Saga Genesis* football tournaments at nearby colleges. He and his wife, Monique, celebrated their first birthday with daughter Talin Caprece last March.

Career Statistics

Year	Rushing							Receiving					Kickoff Returns						
	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Tot.	Yds.
1990	13/10	126	454	3.6	50t	4		24	160	6.7	18	0	3	45	15.0	23	0	659	
1991	14/5	99	449	2.5	36	4		12	120	10.0	25t	1	0	0	0	0	0	569	
1992	15/1	84	363	4.3	27	1		11	96	8.7	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	459	
Totals:	42/16	309	1266	4.1	50t	9		47	376	8.0	25t	2	3	45	15.0	23	0	1,687	

Broussard's Personal Bests

No.	Yards	Long	TD
RUSHING			
20 at S.D. (9-15-91)	104 at S.F. (10-13-91)	50t Cinc (10-28-90)	2 at Rams (12-8-91)
19 at Det (9-16-90)	101 at S.D. (9-15-91)	36 at S.F. (10-13-91)	1 TB (11-17-91)
17 Hous (9-9-90)	88 at Det (9-16-90)	27 Phx (11-15-92)	1 GB (12-1-91)
16 Phx (11-15-92)	87 Phx (11-15-92)	24 at S.F. (9-23-90)	1 N.E. (11-29-92)
RECEIVING			
4 at Rams (10-21-90)	26 at Det (9-16-90)	25 Raiders (9-22-91)	1 Raiders (9-22-91)
3 Four Times	25 Raiders (9-22-91)	24 Phx (11-15-92)	1 N.E. (11-29-92)
	25 at N.O. (11-25-90)	22 GB (12-1-91)	

RICK BRYAN


Oklahoma
10th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 270
Born: 3-20-62

Acquisition: 1st round,
9th overall, 1984 Draft

**DEFENSIVE
END**

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Last Season

Rick suffered a neck injury in the preseason opener at Cleveland and spent the entire season on Injured Reserve. After receiving medical clearance from two prominent specialists around the country, Bryan was checked out by Falcons doctors on March 30. He announced his intention to return to the team that day and will compete for a starting spot in training camp.

Pro Career

Bryan has registered **five 100+ tackle seasons** out of eight complete years in the League with his personal-best of 137 in '91. He fought back from a nerve root injury suffered in 1989 to record 206 tackles over the past two campaigns. He was comfortable filling the starter's role when he stepped in for an injured Mike Gann in week 6 because the former #1 pick earned a starting spot in his very first training camp in 1984 and continued to get the nod in 79 of 91 NFL games

played prior to last season. The versatile performer has now cracked the starting lineup at four separate positions along the defensive line as a Falcon.

Honors

1986: UPI All-NFC

1984: NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (Football Digest)

NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (USA Today)

NFL All-Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI

Year-by-Year

1991: Veteran Rick moved into the starting lineup in Week 5 against the Saints when Mike Gann was lost for the season and quietly had a career year. Bryan had a personal-best 137 tackles, with 3 QB sacks, 31 QB pressures and 2 forced fumbles, while playing in all 16 games, with 12 starts. His top game was on national television in the overtime victory over the Saints when he recorded 15 tackles and 5 QB pressures. In a game filled with big plays, Rick also forced RB Fred McAfee to fumble on his own 15-yard line with two minutes left in regulation and Tory Epps recovered as the Falcons went on to tie the score to force OT. He collected 12 stops at Dallas and 11 vs. the Raiders, 49ers (plus a sack and 4 pressures), Packers (3 pressures) and in the playoffs at Washington. In addition, he had a 10-tackle day against the Niners and 9 stops each versus the Saints and Redskins. It was his final blow which knocked Seattle QB Kelly Stouffer out of the game, forcing a safety on the ninth play of the game in Week 16. He chipped in on special teams with a blocked extra point versus the Vikings and a blocked field goal vs. the Cardinals.

1990: He returned from a nerve root injury to help the Falcons' Black Wave defense record the **lowest per rush average in the NFL**. He performed in every game, while adding five starts to his total, finishing with 69 tackles, 16 QB pressures, a forced fumble and two recovered fumbles.

1989: Unlucky Bryan was second on the team in tackles with 17 after two games but had to go on IR with a spinal nerve root injury.

1988: For the 11th ranked defense in the NFL in points, Rick rang up 120 tackles and five QB sacks from his right end spot. His top games included a 12-tackle, four QB hurry game vs. Dallas, an 11-tackle, one-sack game vs. the 49ers and a 10-tackle effort, one-sack in the early season upset of San Francisco.

1987: Rick started the season off with a sack and forced fumble of QB Doug Williams that sparked the team to an upset of the Redskins. After the strike, Rick had a groin pull that sidelined him three weeks and kept him from having a 100-tackle season for the first time in his career (85 in his nine games). He had a personal best 15-tackle game in Week 16 at Detroit.

1986: Rick's 120 tackles, seven QB sacks and three forced fumbles helped him to an **all-NFC** pick by the UPI. His top games were a pair of 12-tackle games vs. the Eagles and Rams.

BRYAN

1985: This 100-tackle season featured one of his best career games vs. Kansas City when he had 10 tackles, made 2.5 QB sacks for -21 yards, and forced two fumbles. He finished with a personal best 7.5 sacks despite a stomach muscle pull that hindered him.

1984: A 125-tackle season earned him numerous all-Rookie honors. He also had four QB sacks and a QB safety.

Notebook

Rick's return from a 1989 injury, which caused weakness and numbness in his right arm and shoulder, was a welcome sight to Falcon coaches. This battler from tiny Coweta, Oklahoma went from 185 bench press when he was injured to 375 pounds with increased strength. Bryan's relentless work ethic and determination were noticed and appreciated by his third new coaching staff in the summer of 1990. He enjoys being pushed for a job in the always competitive Glanville training camps. "I want some pushing," he said. "It'll be good for me." The former NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year scored points with his first tackle when he sacked QB Richard Todd of the Saints in the endzone for a safety. After scoring on a safety and on a PAT conversion in his career, he completed the cycle with a 56-yard fumble return TD in the preseason at New England in '90. It was the first time he had scored six points since he played tight end at Coweta High School. Bryan and Glanville first met each other at the '84 Senior Bowl. "He thought I was crazy and I thought he was the best player on the field," said Glanville.

College

Rick and Scott Case were teammates on the same Oklahoma squads which also featured a senior class of Jackie Shipp, Thomas Benson and Bob Slater, who were all top NFL draft picks. He passed the celebrated Selmon brothers tandem to become the **school record holder** for a defensive lineman with 352 tackles. Other soon-to-be Oklahoma stars who watched Bryan dominate opponents included sophomore Tony Casillas and red-shirt freshman Brian Bosworth. The **two-time Big Eight Defensive Player** of the Year and All-America selection boasted three straight years with over 100 tackles. A standard in the classroom as well, Rick was chosen to the all conference academic team three times for his work in Business Administration.

Personal

An original country boy from Wagoner, Oklahoma, Rick keeps his body in shape for football season by working on his 80-acre farm in Coweta and playing some church league basketball. He hails from a football family, as brothers Mitch and Steve played at Oklahoma and were NFL draftees. Bryan's leisure time is filled up with fishing or hunting expeditions and he feels more comfortable in jeans and boots. He did cause quite a stir at the Falcons Starlight Foundation fashion show for charity when he donned a tuxedo. He is a self-proclaimed John Wayne fan and his love for country music was enhanced when he had a chance to meet the legendary George Jones at a Falcon game last season. Rick and his wife Shelby have three children, Kristin Nicole, 7, Michael Don, 6, and Jenny, 1.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	Safety
1984	16/16	Atl.	125	78	47	4.0	24	0	0	1
1985	16/16	Atl.	100	64	36	7.5	32	2	0	0
1986	16/16	Atl.	120	70	50	7.0	31	3	0	0
1987	9/9	Atl.	85	43	42	2.0	12	1	1	0
1988	16/15	Atl.	120	80	40	5.0	19	1	1	0
1989	2/2	Atl.	17	9	8	1.0	1	0	0	0
1990	16/5	Atl.	69	31	38	1.0	16	1	2	0
1991	16/12	Atl.	131	63	68	3.0	27	2	0	0
1992	IR									
Totals:	107/91	Atl.	767	438	329	30.5	162	10	4	1
Playoff Totals:										
1991	2/2	Atl.	17	6	11	0	4	0	0	0

Bryan's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	FF	Safety
15 Detroit (12-27-87)	2.5 Minn. (12-15-85)	2 Minn. (12-15-85)	1 at N.O. (9-2-84)
15 Saints (11-24-91)	2 Seattle (12-15-91)		1 Seattle (12-15-91)
13 Cin. (11-15-87)	1.5 K.C. (12-8-85)		
12 Ten Times			

SCOTT CASE



Oklahoma
10th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 188
Born: 5-17-62

Acquisition: 2nd round,
32nd overall, 1984 draft

SAFETY

25



Last Season

Scott suffered through a season of frustration a year ago due to a series of nagging injuries that limited him to a career-low 12 games. His season was stained early when he fractured his right thumb in the final preseason game against the Bills. He occupied his usual starting free safety

CASE

position though, with a heavily taped thumb in the season opener against the Jets and recovered a crucial fumble inside the Falcons five-yard line to stop a drive. The following week in Washington he tore a pectoral muscle in his chest making a tackle. Case was on the sideline as the birds took on the Saints in Week 3. After two weeks of rehabilitation and restlessness, the fiery competitor started at Chicago the next week. But he re-injured his chest and was lost for five weeks. Scott returned to start the final eight games of the year, registering 88 out of his 102 total tackles in those final eight contests. Included in that stretch was a team-leading 15 tackles at Los Angeles and 14 at New Orleans. He was tabbed **NFC Defensive Player of the Week** for his efforts against Phoenix as he collared 10 tackles, recovered a Chris Chandler fumble, and preserved the victory with a Chandler interception with 19 seconds left. Case **led the team with three recovered fumbles** to go along with three passes defended. He had shoulder surgery on March 2. (The pins were removed from his thumb on Oct. 2.)

Pro Career

The intimidator in the Falcons secondary has been putting on the hits since his rookie season in '84. He had his **third straight 100-plus tackle season** despite injuries in '92 and his career numbers speak for themselves as he has accumulated 795 tackles, with 28 interceptions. The **28** pickoffs places him **fourth** on the Falcons career charts. Case was drafted as a safety, moved to cornerback, then switched back to free safety in 1990. As a cornerback, he **led the NFL** in thefts **with 10** in earning a Pro Bowl nod and All-Pro designation in '88. He is one of only four Falcons defensive backs to ever be voted to the Pro Bowl (Ken Reaves in '69, Roland Lawrence in '77 and Deion Sanders in '91-'92).

Honors

- 1992:** NFC Defensive Player of Week (Cardinals - Week 11)
- 1990:** NFC Defensive Player of Week (Rams - Week 16)
- 1988:** NFL Pro Bowl
 - UPI All-NFC (first team)
 - AP All-Pro (second team)
 - 100% Wrong Club, NFL Defensive Back of the Year
 - NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November)

Year-by-Year

1991: He was second on the team with 162 tackles, only eight tackles away from his career best. His fine season also included 2 thefts, 11 passes defended, 2 FR, and 6 QB pressures. Scott had two 16-tackle games (Saints, Packers), 13 stops, with a pickoff and a pair of pressures vs. Niners, and 13 collars vs. Cardinals.

1990: Case switched back to Safety and had a career-high 170 tackles, which was 6th in the entire League. He was named the NFC Def. Player of the Week on the heels of his first interception TD off Jim Everett on the third play of the game in an eventful Falcon victory in Week 16. He had eight games of 10 or more stops, with a high of 15 vs. Dallas, including two sacks.

Against the Bears, he had 11 tackles, a blocked punt which led to a TD, a tackle of the punter and a pickoff.

1989: Scott stretched a ligament in his right foot in Week 6 versus the Patriots and then sprained his left knee the next week against the Cardinals which limited his play. Because of the injuries he ended with a career-low 38 tackles, two interceptions and 11 passes defended in seven starts and 14 games.

1988: **His 10 interceptions led the NFL and set a new Falcon club record** as he became the **only Falcon DB of the 1980's voted into the Pro Bowl**. He also led the team with 19 passes defended and led the secondary with 65 tackles. He was the NFC Defensive Player for the month of November with five interceptions, 20 tackles and a forced fumble. Scott missed all of training camp in his contract negotiations and did not start the season opener. He started off his run of interceptions in Week 3 covering Jerry Rice of the 49ers and then had two games with two interceptions (Week 10 — Green Bay and Week 13 — Tampa Bay). His play helped the secondary go 17 consecutive quarters without a TD pass.

1987: A tough physical season for Scott, he overcame a shoulder sprain in the preseason finale, later a sprained neck and then a sprained ankle. He still played in 11 of 12 games and led the team with 36 passes defended.

1986: As the defense ranked sixth in the NFL, Scott did his part with five interceptions, 69 tackles and a team-high 41 passes defended. He had an endzone interception vs. Miami to save an upset win and earned his first NFL ejection when he got into a fight in the Tampa Bay game.

1985: Filling in at both strong and free safety, Scott led the secondary with 95 tackles (still his personal best), had four interceptions for 78 return yards, and he had four games with 10 or more tackles.

1984: In 16 games as a rookie, Scott had 42 tackles. He scored two points for the Falcons in Week 5 vs. San Francisco when he knocked punter Max Runager out of the endzone for the safety. He also had a 13-tackle game vs. Cincinnati.

Notebook

Scott was a victim of his own passionate competitive nature last year when he tried to play on a torn pec muscle at Chicago after injuring his chest only two weeks earlier. He lasted only one series before leaving the game and had to sit out the next five games. But it's this highly competitive fire that separates Scott from the rest of the pack and it is an intangible that's sorely missed when he's not in the lineup. His crushing blows on Buccaneer receivers in Week 15 last year were added to the long list of all-time hits in the Case scrapbook. One particular bone rattling crack was even documented on the play-by-play sheet which read: *...S. DeBerg pass incomplete to M. Carrier (S. Case), receiver nearly decapitated by hit...* Scott has been labeled "The Human Destroyer" by Sport Magazine in '91 and "a doggone land shark" by ex-Raider All-Pro Lester Hayes. His game face has been described as looking like "a shark in the midst of

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a feeding frenzy." And "if he had been born a 100 years earlier, he would have been a gun fighter." Of course, all of these analogies are correct. Just ask him! Case has worked diligently to establish his hard hitting reputation around the NFL and it's evident as he carries around an extra asset of an intimidation factor with him into every game. This human wrecking machine was taught these aggressive characteristics at an early age as a youth on the dusty playgrounds of Alva, Oklahoma. Scott's nasty game day demeanor belies his caring off the field side which sees him regularly visit children's hospitals.

College

Scott has always had to put on the hard hat and work his way up the football ladder. After receiving marginal interest from colleges, he attended Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, where he made a name for himself by his All-America play. Case was thrilled when Oklahoma came calling, so he fulfilled a childhood dream and suited up in the Big Red of the Sooners. He went on to pace the Big Eight and **establish a school mark for interceptions in a season** with eight (for 181 return yards and a TD) during his senior campaign at safety.

Personal

Scott was born in Waynoka, OK but went on to play his prep ball at Alva (OK) High School and Edmond (OK) High. He played running back in high school besides dishing out big hits in the secondary. Case and his wife, Connie, (former president of the Falcons Wives Association for three years) continue to be impact players in the community. They, along with Jessie Tuggle, Moe Gardner and their respective wives, helped raise more than \$30,000 last year for St. Joseph's Mercy Care, which helps Atlanta's medically under-served. The active couple is highly involved in the annual "Holiday Evening with the Stars" which benefits sick children. Scott enjoys speaking about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse to students across the state. He is the club's United Way rep who taped a national spot with his family on the 'Success by Six' program. He and former Falcon and good friend Tom Pridemore own 'Falcon Boat Works' in Tifton, GA. One of the most popular Falcons, Case has his own fan club (formed in 1991) which meets before and after games to cheer on their favorite player. Besides Connie, his own personal cheering section includes the three K's, namely; daughter, Kelsey, and sons Kyler and Kody. The Cases are expecting another addition to their cheering squad in August.

Case's Personal Bests			
Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Safety
23 at Rams (10-21-90) 16 G.B. (12-1-91) N.O. (11-24-91) 15 at Rams (12-27-92) 14 N.O. (10-7-90) at SF (9-23-90) at Saints (12-3-92)	2 G.B. (11-6-88) T.B. (11-27-88) 1 24 times	47 at Dal (10-27-85) 41 at Det (12-21-86) 36 Rams (12-23-90) 31 Denver (9-22-86)	1 S.F. (9-30-84) QB Sacks 2 Dallas (12-30-90)

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Interceptions			TD	Fumbles	
			No.	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yards	LG		FF	FR
1984	Atl.	16/0	42	28	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Atl.	14/13	95	58	37	4	78	47	0	1	0
1986	Atl.	16/15	69	42	27	4	41	41	0	0	0
1987	Atl.	11/10	52	41	11	1	12	12	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/15	65	34	31	10 *	47	12	0	1	0
1989	Atl.	14/7	38	27	11	2	13	13	0	0	0
1990	Atl.	16/16	170	78	92	3	38	36t	1	1	2
1991	Atl.	16/16	162	68	94	2	23	17	0	0	2
1992	Atl.	12/11	102	51	51	2	0	0	0	0	2
Totals		131/103	795	427	368	28	252	47	1	3	6
* Led NFL											
Playoff Totals:											
1991	Atl.	2/2	16	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

VINNIE CLARK



Ohio State
3rd Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 194
Born: 1-22-69

CORNERBACK

27



Acquisition: Trade from Green Bay (for a 4th round '93 draft choice) on 4/1/93

Last Season

The Falcons acquired an experienced cornerback of 32 NFL games and 15 starts when they traded away their 4th round choice in '93 in order to obtain Clark. The former #1 pick in '91 (19th overall) comes to Atlanta after a career year in which he totaled 52 tackles, two interceptions for 70 return yards, and 13 passes defended (second on club), while starting 11 out of 16 games for the 9-7 Packers. He had plenty of big games as the Packers were in the hunt for a Playoff spot until the last week. His block of a Gary Anderson 20-yard field goal attempt against the Steelers set up a 76-yard TD strike on the next play in a 17-3 victory. An interception of a Rich Gannon pass early in the final stanza versus the Vikings propelled the Pack to score and take the lead 17-13. Clark also went on to post 5 tackles, a game-saving pickoff, and 2 passes

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defensed in a 16-14 win over the Oilers on national TV. His key interception happened at the Green Bay 2-yard line as the clock ran out, halting a Houston scoring drive.

Pro Career

As a rookie in '91, Vinnie started four games at left cornerback, while logging time in all 16 games. His eight passes defensed were the best numbers by a non-starter and he added 30 (27 solo) tackles and two pickoffs to his totals in a productive first year in the pros. His top game was a five solo tackle day vs. the Lions, which included 2 passes defensed and a special teams stop. Against the Bears he stole a pass and forced a fumble besides making 3 solo stops. He finished 8th on the club with 5 special teams tackles.

Notebook

The 6'0", 194 pound Clark is one of the biggest corners to suit up in a Falcons uniform in recent memory. He filed away an important note in his personal scrapbook when he recorded his first ever NFL interception off the arm of Dan Marino of the Dolphins to halt a Miami drive. Another noteworthy entry in his book was documented in his very first pro game as he forced a fumble against the Eagles in the season opener in '91. Vinnie was the first corner to be drafted in the first round by the Packers since Tim Lewis (Pittsburgh) in '83. The Falcons were very aware of Clark's many talents before they traded for him because they had seriously considered drafting him two years ago.

College

An All-Big 10 selection as a senior, Vinnie **led the conference** in thefts with 6, while contributing 51 tackles (36 solos), 3 recovered fumbles, a forced fumble, and 4 passes defensed for the Buckeyes of Ohio State. For his career, the three year starter accumulated 146 tackles and 10 interceptions, while chipping in with a pair of blocked kicks.

Personal

Vincent Eugene Clark was born in Cincinnati and was a two-time All-Ohio selection at Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education during his four year career as a starter. The three-time All-City choice led his prep team to an incredible **45-3 record with a pair of state titles**. The versatile athlete was a wingback in high school for three years, while playing cornerback as a freshman before switching to safety the next season. "VC Time" earned 12 letters in football, basketball and track during a busy high school career. A community conscious performer, he **donated \$50,000** to the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Carthage, Ohio on Dec. 29, 1991 and continues to visit children's hospitals in the Cincy area. In addition to his community work, he recently became the second member of the Falcons to open a beauty shop (Deion Sanders and Jamie Dukes were the first) and also started a musical production company. A big baseball fan, he is a childhood friend of Seattle Mariners superstar Ken Griffey, Jr. His brother, Kevin Clark, was in the Seahawks training camp as a wide out.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Int.	Yds.	PD	FF	FR	Spec. Teams
1991	G.B.	16/4	30	27	3	0	2	42	8	2	0	5
1992	G.B.	16/11	38	38	0	0	2	70	13	0	0	6
Totals:		32/15	68	65	3	0	4	112	21	2	0	11

Clark's Personal Bests

Tackles

5 at Houston (12-13-92)
at Detroit (9-8-91)

Interceptions

1 Four Times, most
recently at Houston
(12-13-92)

Passes Defensed

2 at Houston (12-13-92)
at Detroit (9-8-91)

DARION CONNER



Jackson State
4th Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 245
Born: 9-28-67

LINEBACKER

56



Acquisition: 2nd round,
27th overall, 1990 draft

Last Season

Conner enjoyed his finest season in '92 by totaling a career-high 116 tackles (fourth highest on club), and **leading the team in QB sacks** with 7, **forced fumbles** with three and **QB pressures** with 26 (all personal bests). His best game came at the hands of the Patriots as he collected a career high three QB sacks, a forced fumble and seven tackles to earn *Miller Lite* Player of the Game honors by the media. Darion also dumped the QB twice, and finished with five tackles, five more pressures, and a blocked field goal, against the Cardinals. *Miller Lite* accolades came again as he recorded 2 sacks, 12 tackles, and a forced fumble vs. the Rams. He also forced a fumble and registered a sack versus the Saints. Conner also remained healthy all year for the first time which enabled him to start every game at OLB.

Pro Career

His pro career has continued to climb with the added experience of each season. Last year, he developed into a consistent pass rusher, finding his way to the quarterback to set personal highs in sacks and QB pressures. He has 62 career QB pressures to his credit and 304 tackles. Conner was making a bid to be the most productive rookie tackler in the League in '90 but a sprained knee early in the season's final game ended his year with 83 tackles. His total was still the third best, more than other highly touted #1 picks Lamar Lathon, James Francis and Percy Snow. Darion has quietly played in 47 games, with 37 starts in his Falcons career, and has a streak of 27 straight games played. The versatile athlete has also added 24 special teams tackles to his pro resume.

Year-by-Year

1991: He continued his progress in his sophomore season ending up sixth on the team and second among the linebacking corps with a then personal-high of 105 tackles. He got to the quarterback three times for sacks, forced two fumbles, recovered another fumble, and added 14 QB pressures to his totals. Darion's top outings were against Kansas City with 12 stops, Phoenix and San Diego with 11 tackles, and Green Bay with a pair of sacks. His second season also included a blowout fracture of his right eye versus the Raiders, which forced him out of the Saints game.

1990: Darion played in all 16 games as a rookie and received the starting nod in seven games. His 83 tackles included 37 solo stops and 2 sacks for a minus 21 yards. He also finished with 22 QB pressures.

Notebook

Conner goes into every game carrying the memory of his younger brother Casey, who was killed in a car crash along with two other Jackson State players. The tragic accident put a damper on one of Darion's proudest days, as he was drafted in the second round by the Falcons just six days later. If you look at Darion's impressive physique today it's hard to figure out how he received the nickname of "Beanie Weenie" in college. The 198 pound freshman found his way to the Jackson State weight room and learned to beef up on *Snickers* bars and peanut-butter & jelly sandwiches. As a 256 pound starting linebacker during an All-America senior campaign, the nickname never seem to fit.

College

The **SWAC Defensive Player of the Year** totaled 317 tackles (197 solos), 22.5 QB sacks and 37 stops for losses of 255 yards as he guided the Tigers to a 33-11-3 record and three appearances in the playoffs during his productive career. A Kodak All-America as a senior, Darion enjoyed his finest season with a career-best 130 tackles (15 for losses) and 12.5 sacks, two interceptions and 14 deflected passes to catch the attention of NFL scouts. The Jackson, MS school captured **two SWAC titles** with Conner performing the linebacking chores and was named all-conference three times. He had a 14-tackle, two-sack day against Texas Southern,

a 13-tackle, 2.5 sack effort versus Southern, and 13 stops (five for losses) and a sack in a game with Alabama State.

Personal

Darion is a Georgia native having been born in Macon. But he was raised in a family of 10 kids to Isom and Annette Conner in Noxubee County, MS. His religious family has roots in that part of the country for over 60 years. Conner and his brothers and sisters had a strict but loving upbringing that stressed 'humility, respect and honesty'. His parents taught him never to give up as his mother made him try football again after he walked off the field after only one day as a seventh grader. He went on to become a star at Noxubee County High School in football, track and basketball. The personable Conner made a rookie mistake when he missed the team's charter flight to Detroit in '90, but he acted like a veteran as he caught the next flight out on his own and didn't miss the mandatory team meeting. He has a one-year-old daughter aptly named Destiny.

Career Statistics

TACKLES									
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR
1990	Atl.	16/ 7	83	37	46	2-21	22	0	0
1991	Atl.	15/14	105	44	61	3-27	14	2	1
1992	Atl.	16/16	116	60	56	7-60	26	3	0
Totals:		47/37	304	141	163	12-108	62	5	1
Playoff Totals:									
1991	Atl.	2/0	3	1	2	0	2	0	0

Conner's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	FF
15 at Clev (12-16-90) 12 at K.C. (9-1-91) Dallas (12-21-92) Rams (11-1-92) 11 Phx (12-9-90) at Chi (11-11-90) at Phx (10-20-91) at S.D. (9-15-91) at Wash. (9-13-92)	3 N.E. (11-29-92) 2 G.B. (12-1-91)	6 Rams (12-23-90) 5 Phx (11-15-92) 3 Eight times	1 G.B. (12-1-91) Seattle (12-15-91) Saints (9-20-92) at 49ers (10-18-92) Rams (11-1-92)

HOWARD DINKINS



Florida State
2nd Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 230
Born: 4-26-69

LINEBACKER

51



Acquisition: 3rd round,
73rd overall, 1992 Draft

Last Season

Howard's rookie year in the NFL was, unfortunately, spent learning from the sidelines. A knee injury forced him on the Injured Reserve list on September 1 and he had to undergo arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. After two months of rehabilitation, the former third-round pick out of Florida State was moved to the Falcons Practice Squad on November 3, where he remained for the rest of the season. During his time on the Practice Squad he gained invaluable experience facing the likes of Pro Bowlers Andre Rison, Chris Hinton, Bill Fralic and Mike Kenn every day, while learning tips from Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Tuggle. Dinkins is expected to challenge for much more playing time his second go round with the NFL.

College

A pass rushing linebacker for perennial power Florida State, Dinkins collared 14.5 QB sacks during his career. In his time at the Tallahassee school, he registered 221 tackles, with 149 coming over the final two years as a starter. The speedy backer recorded a personal-best of 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage during his junior season. His best game as a collegian was on national television versus Michigan when the senior registered 12 tackles. As a freshman, he made an impact by sacking Auburn QB Reggie Slack for an 11-yard loss to stop a last minute drive to preserve a 13-7 Seminole victory in the Sugar Bowl. He had the luxury of always vying for a national championship while playing on three other Bowl winning teams in Fiesta, Blockbuster and Cotton.

Notebook/Personal

Howard showed flashes of the skills that made him a third round selection in the Falcons four preseason games last year. The Florida native of Jacksonville boasts 4.5 speed and a penchant to be a relentless pursuer. The day he was drafted last year become more than a special day as April 26 fell on his birthday. The former star at Ribalt High School collected 65 tackles to close out his prep career. At Florida State, he was known as the "Silent Stalker" as he often times performed in the shadows of other high profile Seminoles like Deion Sanders, Terrell Buckley

ERIC DICKERSON



Southern Methodist
11th Year
Ht: 6'3" Wt: 220
Born: 9-2-60

Acquisition: Trade with
Raiders, July 7, 1993

RUNNING
BACK

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Last Season

Dickerson, the NFL's top active rusher with 13,168 career yards, moved past Tony Dorsett (12,739) into *second place* last year on the League's all-time rushing charts and *second overall* in rushing attempts (2,970). *Only Walter Payton (16,726) has gained more yards on the ground and rushed more times than Dickerson in NFL history.* For the Raiders in '92, Eric was the **club's top rusher** with 729 yards and **had the most rushing attempts by a Raider backer** with 187, while averaging 3.9 yards per rush. The versatile performer also caught 14 passes out of the backfield for 85 more yards. Dickerson gained 107 yards against the Broncos, averaging 6.7 yards per carry, and 103 yards on 17 carries vs. the Chargers. His longest run of the year was a 40-yard touchdown jaunt against the Chiefs on Monday Night Football. Eric enters the '93 season ranked 10th in NFL history in touchdowns scored with 96.

Pro Career

Eric reached 10,000 yards rushing faster than any player in NFL history in 91 games to surpass Jim Brown's mark of 98 games. His **four career rushing titles** are second only to Brown's eight titles. Dickerson is averaging exactly 92.7 yards rushing per contest in 142 games played in his career. His **64 career 100-yard games** are second only to Walter Payton's 77. He racked up 7,245 yards for the Rams and 5,194 yards for the Colts to become the first player to ever gain over 5,000 yards with two different teams. His long and distinguished career has included holding the **NFL Records** for most rushing yards in a season (2,105) in '84, most yards gained by a rookie ever in a season (1,808) and most games, 100 or more yards rushing, in a season (12) in '83, and most touchdowns by a rookie in a season (18). He is in the top 5 in NFL annals in combined yardage and career rushing touchdowns with 90.

Year-by-Year

1991: He moved ahead of legendary Jim Brown into third place on NFL charts with 117 yards on 16 totes, ironically, against the Browns as a member of the Colts.

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1990: He missed the first five games of the season on the Colts' reserve list but returned to start eight of the final 11 games and account for 677 yards. His streak of consecutive 1,000 yard seasons was snapped at seven (1983-89). His top outing was a 143-yard day versus the Bengals and he also totaled 117 yards against the Jets and 110 vs. the Dolphins.

1989: He was the third leading rusher in the NFL with 1,311 yards, with seven TD's for Indianapolis to earn his sixth Pro Bowl nod. He became the seventh back to ever gain 10,000 yards, with 106 vs. the Niners.

1988: Eric won his fourth NFL rushing title with a Colt's record of 1,659 yards on 388 games and 14 scores to receive Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors. He recorded a pair of 169-yard games (Miami, SD) and a 166-yard effort (Buffalo).

1987: He received the starting call in the final eight games for the Colts after being traded to AFC from the Rams. His 1,288 yards included seven 100-yard games with a **season-best 196 vs. Tampa Bay**, landing him into the Pro Bowl in the other conference for the first time.

1986: He was named the **NFL Offensive Player of the Year** by the *Associated Press* for his **League-best 1,821 yards** and 11 TD's. It was the sixth best rushing output ever and the 404 rushing attempts were a Rams record and just three shy of an NFL mark. His totals included eleven 100-yard games, with a season high of 207 yards coming against the Bucs.

1985: He ran for 1,234 yards and 12 TD's but missed the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career. He made up for the snub by setting a playoff record with 248 yards on 34 carries vs. Dallas with scoring runs of 55 and 40 yards.

1984: The **NFL Player of the Year** established new marks with his 2,105 yards to break O.J. Simpson's record of 2,003. His unbelievable season saw him rush 12 times for 100 yards, to surpass the previous best of 11 by Simpson and Earl Campbell. The 2,244 combined yards from scrimmage was also a new record.

1983: The League's **Rookie of the Year** broke into the pros in a big way with 1,808 yards (best ever) and 18 TD's to win a spot in the Pro Bowl. He added a personal high 51 receptions to his overall numbers for 404 more yards. A season best 199 yards came against the Lions.

Honors

1989: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (6)

1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5), All-Pro

1987: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (4), All-Pro

1986: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3), NFL Offensive Player of the Year

1984: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (2), NFL Player of the Year

1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, NFL Rookie of the Year

Notebook

Eric Dickerson has been one of the most recognizable names and faces in sports over the years. The articulate performer made a name for himself in college at SMU where he finished **third in balloting for the Heisman Trophy in 1982**. He always seems to do things in grand style, like when he set his sights on O.J. Simpson's seemingly unbreakable record for rushing yards in a season. All he did was go out and rush for 215 yards against Houston to break the record and set a new standard. The all-time Rams, rushing leader wasn't voted to Pro Bowl in '85, so he went out and bulldozed his way for a **Playoff record 248 yards against the Cowboys** to show his peers they made a mistake. (He made it to the Pro Bowl the next year with 1,821 yards!) In the biggest game of his athletic career in the **Texas state high school championship game, he rambled for 311 yards and four touchdowns**. In one of the biggest trades in NFL history on October 31, 1987, Dickerson was traded from the Rams to the Colts in a blockbuster deal that also involved the Bills. The Colts traded their rights to LB Cornelius Bennett to Buffalo and in return the Rams received RB Owen Gill from the Colts, along with Indy's first and second round choices in '88 and second rounder in '89, plus Bills, RB Greg Bell and Buffalo's first round pick in '88 and first and second round choices in '89.

College

One of the best college runners ever in NCAA history, Eric gained 1,617 yards during an All-America senior season with six runs over 60 yards, and scored 17 TD's to be in the running for the Heisman Trophy. The four-year letterwinner rushed for 4,450 yards on 790 totes for a 5.6 average, **breaking Earl Campbell's SWC record for yards and attempts**. His 48 lifetime touchdowns tied the legendary Doak Walker's SMU mark and he eclipsed the 100-yard plateau 27 times as a collegian.

Personal

Eric Demetric Dickerson was born on Sept. 2, 1960 in Sealy, Texas. Parade Magazine tabbed him the best high school running back in the country at Sealy High after his senior season that included an amazing 2,653 yards. He also lettered in basketball and track, capturing the state title in the 100-meter dash as a junior.

**Top 10 Touchdown
Scorers in NFL History**

126	Jim Brown
125	Walter Payton
116	John Riggins
115	Lenny Moore
107	Jerry Rice *
105	Don Hutson
101	Steve Largent
100	Franco Harris
98	Marcus Allen *
96	Eric Dickerson *

**Top 10 Rushers
in NFL History**

16,726	Walter Payton
13,168	Eric Dickerson
12,739	Tony Dorsett
12,312	Jim Brown
12,120	Franco Harris
11,352	John Riggins
11,236	O.J. Simpson
10,273	O.J. Anderson*

* active in 1993

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1983	LA	16/16	390	1,808	4.6	85	18	51	404	7.9	37	2
1984	LA	16/16	379	2,105	5.6	66	14	21	139	6.6	19	0
1985	LA	14/14	292	1,234	4.2	43	12	20	126	6.3	33	0
1986	LA	16/16	404	1,821	4.5	42	11	26	205	7.9	28	0
1987	LA/Indy	12/10	283	1,288	4.6	57	6	18	171	9.5	28	0
1988	Indy	16/16	388	1,659	4.3	41	14	36	377	10.5	50	1
1989	Indy	15/14	314	1,311	4.2	21	7	30	211	7.0	22	1
1990	Indy	11/8	166	677	4.1	20	4	18	92	5.1	8	0
1991	Indy	10/9	167	536	3.2	28	2	41	269	6.6	26	1
1992	Raid	16/15	187	729	3.9	40	2	14	85	9.9	15	1

Totals: 142/134 2,970 13,168 4.4 85 90 275 2,079 7.6 50 6

Attempted one pass (interception) in 1984 and completed one 15-yard TD in 1986

1992 Paid Attendance Was Highest in League's 73-Year History

1992 NFL PAID ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

	Games	Attendance	Average
NFL Preseason Total	60	3,139,557	52,326
NFL Regular Season Total	224	13,828,887	61,736
NFL Postseason Total	12	815,910	67,993
NFL All Games	296	17,784,354	60,082

For the fourth consecutive season, NFL total paid attendance reached a record level. NFL paid attendance of 17,784,354 in 1992 was the highest total in the league's 73-year history, an increase of 32,215 over the previous season record of 17,752,139 in 1991. Total attendance records also were set in 1990 (17,665,671) and 1989 (17,399,538).

The 1992 regular-season total paid attendance of 13,828,887 (61,736 per game) was the third highest ever. It has been surpassed only by the paid attendance of 13,841,459 (61,792 a game) in 1991 and the all-time high of 13,959,896 (62,321 a game) in 1990.

The Buffalo Bills led the NFL in home paid attendance for the fifth consecutive year with a total of 630,978 for eight games. Buffalo drew 631,786 fans in 1991, 621,528 in 1990, 626,399 in 1989, and 631,818 in 1988. Fourteen other teams topped the half-million paid total at home: Kansas City (612,773); New York Giants (608,706); New York Jets (603,619); Denver (590,090) Cleveland (564,925); **Atlanta (553,979)**; Detroit (542,402); New Orleans (541,079); Miami (533,317); Chicago (528,465); Philadelphia (525,001), San Francisco (523,335); Seattle (514,984); and Dallas 502,661).

Fourteen teams drew more than one million in paid attendance home and away led by Buffalo's 1,130,973; Kansas City's 1,115,495; Denver's 1,108,883; Dallas's 1,085,047; the New York Jets' 1,079,910; Chicago's 1,065,034; the New York Giants' 1,062,418; Miami's 1,061,936; San Francisco's 1,052,902; **Atlanta's 1,045,740**; Philadelphia's 1,025,081; Detroit's 1,021,671; New Orleans's 1,018,522; and Cleveland's 1,012,277.

and Sammie Smith. Howard beefed himself up in FSU's weight room, adding 25 pounds to his frame, but still was one of the fastest players on the team. His mother, Evelyn, is a daily inspiration to him as she has fought through sickle-cell anemia to raise her two sons following the accidental death of their father, Howard, Sr., who was an army sergeant. Dinkins is anxious to finally meet his childhood football hero growing up as the Falcons are set to face LB Wilbur Marshall this year.

JEFF DONALDSON



Colorado
10th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 190
Born: 4-19-62

Acquisition: Plan B Free
Agent, April 1, 1991

SAFETY

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Last Season

Jeff occupied both safety positions throughout the year due to injuries and was the second leading tackler on the team with 150 stops. He started the first four games of the season at strong safety before an injury to Scott Case moved him to free safety against Miami, San Francisco, and LA Rams. Donaldson returned to the strong side safety position when Case returned in Week 10 against the 49ers. He finished the season at that spot for the remaining seven games to register 12 starts at SS and 3 at FS in his 9th season in the NFL. Besides his 150 tackles, he also chipped in with a QB sack of Vinny Testaverde at Tampa Bay on a blitz, one forced fumble, and five passes defended. Jeff's best effort was a 13 tackle affair in Week 5 against the Packers and he also several hard blows among his 9 tackles at Tampa Bay in Week 15.

Pro Career

Donaldson has been a starter now for three different teams in a career that spans 134 NFL games. His versatility was a key factor last year as he had to play some free safety due to injuries besides logging time as a strong safety. His first six years in the League were spent developing a hard hitting reputation with the Houston Oilers. He was the neutralizer in the *House of Pain* defense under Jerry Glanville, in which he led all Oiler DB's in tackles for three seasons, while totaling 446 tackles in 90 games with nine pickoffs and six fumbles recovered. In 1990, Jeff switched uniforms to Kansas City via Plan B and helped the Chiefs to the playoffs with his three interceptions.

Year-by-Year

1991: As a nickel back and special teamer, he tallied 47 tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble to the Playoff cause. His 13 stops on 'teams' were good enough for sixth place on team charts. His top individual outing on defense was a team-high 10 tackle day versus the Rams.

1990: Signed as a Plan B free agent by the Chiefs, he started nine games at safety, while playing in all 16. He was second on the club with his three interceptions as he totaled 52 tackles on the year.

1989: A starter in 14 contests, he totaled 62 tackles, one forced fumble and seven passes defended.

1988: Donaldson logged time in all 16 games at free safety and once again was the leader in the secondary with 87 stops while being tops in interceptions with four and adding 14 passes defended and a fumble recovery.

1987: He started all 12 non-strike games, finishing third on the team with 95 tackles and tops among DB's. Established a personal-high with 16 tackles vs. Browns.

1986: Jeff started seven games in place of Bo Eason and led the secondary for the first time with a solid 110 tackles. He picked off his first NFL pass, plus returned a Todd Blackledge fumble one yard for a score.

1985: Registered 50 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and even ran back six punts for a 5.8 average and five KOR's for 18.6 average. He also led the special teams with 20 tackles.

1984: As a rookie he appeared in 16 games with two starts while producing 42 tackles on the year, including 10 vs Cleveland.

Notebook

With Brian Jordan signing an exclusive baseball only contract with the St. Louis Cardinals, Jeff emerged from training camp as the club's new strong safety after playing a back-up role in '91. It marked the third different team he had logged time as a starter in his nine year career. Despite being granted unrestricted free agency with the NFL's new labor agreement, Donaldson still worked out at the Falcons Complex in the offseason and participated in "Operation Headstart" and the May mini-camp to show he was ready to compete for a spot with the Falcons. His crushing blow on WR Mark Carrier of the Buccaneers was shown on the jumbotron at the Super Bowl in Pasadena as the hardest hit of the year. If you met the usually mild mannered Donaldson taking a stroll in the park with his family the last occupation most people would guess he worked at would probably be a football player. A genuinely nice person, J.D. was the Oilers United Way rep because of all his community work.

College

A defender and punt returner at Colorado, Jeff recorded 158 tackles in his last two seasons as a Buffalo to lead all DB's. He also had nine career thefts and fielded 30 punts for 270 yards and a 9.0 average (with a long of 58). His senior campaign saw him pick off four passes, including

running one back 44 yards for a score, and collect a secondary-high of 79 tackles. As a sophomore, the real estate major collared 83 tackles.

Personal

Jeffrey Michael is a product of Ft. Collins, Colorado. A football, basketball and track standout at Ft. Collins High, he is a big country music fan and he recently got a chance to meet George Jones and go back stage to visit with Travis Tritt. Besides spending most of his spare time with his wife Heidi and their two children Samantha and Zachary, he also enjoys hunting and fishing.

JAMIE DUKES



Florida State
8th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 292
Born: 6-14-64

Acquisition: Undrafted
Free Agent, May 2, 1986

CENTER

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Last Season

Consistent Jamie was at the center of success in the Falcons front line for another 16 games. His blocking exploits allowed the birds to set team records for TD passes in a season with 33 (also an NFL single season best), first downs with 194, and completions with 336 (third-best in League). Through his muscling of opponents at the point of attack, the Falcons also managed to finish fourth in the NFL and second on club charts in net yards passing (3,635). Dukes has also been a part of a line that has helped protect Falcons signal-callers so well that **Atlanta is the only team to throw 30 or more TD passes in each of the past two seasons.** For the third straight year, Dukes' work in the trenches enabled a Falcon to earn a spot on the NFC's Pro Bowl roster. He had minor left knee surgery (cartilage repair) on April 29.

Pro Career

With all of the physical contact and possibilities for injury playing on the offensive line, it's amazing when you look at Jamie's streak of games started. He enters his fourth year as a full-time starter with a stretch of **64 consecutive games** in the starting lineup. He's had his share of nagging injuries but he always played through them. For example, he cracked a rib at Washington in Week 2 last year and couldn't return for the rest of the afternoon. But he was on the field for the first offensive snap the following week against the Saints. Before settling in as the Falcons center of attention, Jamie played both left and right guard. Also, he's lined up

DUKES

as a blocking tight end in the backfield in certain situations in the past. The busy performer logs time on some special teams units too boot and once returned a kickoff 13 yards. Dukes took advantage of injuries to guards Bill Fralic and Jeff Kiewel in his first training camp in '86 to catch the coaches eyes, while cracking a starter's role twice, during the '86 campaign.

Notebook

Dukes and fellow teammate Deion Sanders are partners in a hair salon in the ritzy Buckhead district of Atlanta called *Deion's Hair Designs*. Jamie had the luxury of learning a few tricks from veteran NFL center Jeff Van Note, who played in a club record 246 games, while in his first training camp in 1986. His reach measures 84 inches from finger tip to finger tip which provides the former Florida State All-America an unusual leverage advantage over his opponents. Despite becoming an All-American guard in Tallahassee, he went undrafted in 1986 before being signed as a free agent by the birds. The first time he performed the center duties was actually the first time he ever played the position at any level in a game as he took over the snapping duties against the Raiders in 1988, a Falcon win.

Personal

He was born a Northerner in Schnectady, New York in a family of three children. But he was raised in the south since the age of 12 in Orlando, Florida. Jamie Donnell was the Orange County Player of the Year at Maynard Evans High School as a senior. Besides football, he has always loved to both play and watch basketball. A familiar site at Atlanta Hawks games, he coordinates the Falcons hoops team which competes against other NFL b-ball clubs and for charity events. The avid golfer also will hit the links at any given opportunity. He makes his year-round home in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

NFL Games Played/Started: 95/73 (2/2): 1986 (14/4), 1987 (5/0), 1988 (12/5), 1989 (16/16), 1990 (16/16), 1991 (16/16) (2/2), 1992 (16/16)

Going Camping

This summer marks the 15th season the Falcons will hold their training camp at their year-round facility in Suwanee. The birds have taken up residence at three other different places in their 28-year history to prepare for the opening of another football season. The three other locations besides Suwanee have been Black Mountain, N.C. (a YMCA Camp in Asheville in '66), East Tennessee State (Johnson City, TN in '67), and Furman University (Greenville, S.C. from '71-'78).

TRACEY EATON



Portland State
6th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 195
Born: 7-19-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free
Agent, April 1, 1991

SAFETY

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Last Season

Tracey suffered through a disappointing year as he was lost for the entire season in the preseason finale against the Bills on August 28. In the second game ever in the Georgia Dome, Eaton's left knee was injured without contact and he underwent surgery. He spent all season on the Injured Reserve list but will be ready for training camp.

Pro Career

A young veteran, Eaton has played in 48 NFL games (counting Playoffs) since beginning his initial start with the Houston Oilers. He's had to fight through injuries to prove his worth. Tracey's rookie year in '88 was stopped due to a dislocated shoulder. But he returned the following season to make the cut and contribute 44 tackles, 12 special teams stops, three interceptions, and one forced fumble. A Jim Kelly pick in the Playoffs and a game saving theft with :56 left against the Lions to secure a 35-31 victory were the highlights of his season. In 1990 as a Plan B member of the Cardinals, he had to sit out the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery on his other shoulder following Week 11. Eaton's first experience in Atlanta was valuable as he was a presence on special teams with his 19 tackles (fourth-best), **two blocked punts, and one tackled punter for a loss.** The solid nickel back in the secondary also collected 36 tackles on defense with a forced fumble. He had a career day in the season finale at Dallas with a personal-best 13 tackles and registered 7 each in both Playoff games.

College

He decided to stay in the west and attend Portland State, which is five hours away from his Medford, Oregon home. Eaton was voted the Western Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior by guiding the Vikings to the national championship game in Division II. He played his best against the best as he recorded a season-high 13 tackles in the championship game against Troy State. He racked up 221 lifetime tackles, 13 thefts, 10 forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and 29 passes defended for the Vikes.

Notebook

Tracey plays with a reckless abandon which belies his 6-1, 195 pound frame. In a scrimmage with the Seahawks in Portland, OR last year, Eaton hit a Seattle player so hard he bent his own face mask and had to have it replaced before he went back in. In the playoff victory at New Orleans, the fierce hitter both knocked out a Saints receiver, and then promptly knocked himself out on another vicious shot. Tracey's aggressiveness on the football field could be linked to his roots. His father, Scott, played safety for the New York Giants from 1967-71, picking off 11 passes, after being selected on the eighth round from Oregon State. With his blonde hair, blue eyes and quiet demeanor off the field, Tracey carries around the "all-American boy next door" look.

Personal

A West Coast kid from birth, Eaton was a star at Medford (OR) High School in football and basketball. He recorded both a three TD receiving game and a three interception outing at his high school located only three hours from California. Through his efforts as a senior, his team held a #1 ranking in the state of Oregon. Tracey is in familiar surroundings with three of his ex-Oiler coaches in Glanville, Shively and Jones on the Falcons staff. His mother, Jocelyn, and sister, Jennifer, still reside in Medford, while his father is a stockbroker living in Seattle. The marketing major from Portland State underwent wrist surgery in the offseason. He and his new bride, Kimberly, reside in Lawrenceville during the season.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Interceptions			LG	TD	Sp Tms No.
			No.	Solo	Assist	FF	No.	Yds.			
1988	Houston	1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989	Houston	16/2	44	26	18	1	3	33	20	0	12
1990	Phoenix	11/0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
1991	Atlanta	16/0	36	16	20	1	0	0	0	0	19
1992	Atlanta	IR									
Totals		44/2	81	43	38	2	3	33	20	0	39
Playoff Totals:											
1988	Houston	2/0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
1989	Houston	10/0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1991	Atlanta	2/0	14	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
1992	Atlanta	IR									
Totals:		5/0	17	9	8	1	1	0	0	0	4

TORY EPPS



Memphis State
4th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 280
Born: 5-28-67

Acquisition: 8th round,
195th overall, 1990 draft

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TACKLE

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Last Season

Tory logged time in all 16 games for the third straight season and added six starts in the Falcons four man formations. He tallied 54 tackles on the line, 5 QB pressures, with one forced fumble and recovered fumble apiece. Epps recorded six tackles each against the Bears, 49ers (twice), Buccaneers and Rams.

Pro Career

Epps came into his initial NFL training camp and beat out incumbent Tony Casillas for the starting spot in the club's 3-4 base alignment. He went on to earn **All-NFL rookie** accolades as he ended up with the best tackling total by a rookie lineman in three seasons with 83 tackles. The most productive defensive rookie in 1990 was also part of a unit that paced the League in average rush allowed at 3.3. He established a **team record with his three blocked field goals**. Tory finished with 60 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 8 pressures, and a fumble recovery in his sophomore season in '91 and played in both playoff games.

Notebook

Last year was the first season that Epps didn't break through the line to block a kick. But he still has **four total blocks in three years** on his dossier. Ironically, he had never blocked a kick at any level before displaying his specialty for the Falcons. He seems to reserve something special whenever he plays the 49ers for he has registered three blocked FG's, a pair of QB sacks on Joe Montana, and a career-high 9 tackles against the NFC Western Division foe. The hard working Epps beat the long odds and won a starting spot as a rookie despite being an eighth round pick.

College

Tory improved every year for the Memphis State Tigers, ending his career with 240 tackles, 24 for losses, and six QB sacks. A blood clot in his shoulder hampered his senior play and made

him miss three games, but Tory still battled to make 67 tackles and a pair of sacks. His best season was his junior campaign, when he totaled 83 stops (third on team), two sacks and nine tackles for losses. He saved his best for rival Alabama, where he won AP Defensive Player of the Week kudos for a 10-tackle, pass deflection effort in a 13-10 upset in 1987. He also hammered the Crimson Tide for a career-high 11 tackles in 1989. He played linebacker halfway through his freshman season before being switched to nose guard and becoming a three-year starter.

Personal

Tory was the conference MVP and Defensive Player of the Year at linebacker at Uniontown (PA) High School. Basketball was also a hobby for the big center who patterned his game after his favorite player, the Phoenix Suns Charles Barkley. He is a regular at Atlanta Hawks games and plays pick-up games with his Falcons teammates in the off-season. A big weightlifter who can squat over 500 pounds and bench press over 400 pounds, his other hobbies include fishing and listening to all kinds of music. The personable Epps lists his brothers as his childhood heroes. He is a frequent visitor to local children's hospitals and participated in the family to family challenge to benefit charity for *Channel 2*.

Career Statistics

TACKLES										
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	BB
1990	Atl.	16/15	84	39	45	3-21	6	0	0	2
1991	Atl.	16/2	60	26	34	1-5	8	0	1	1
1992	Atl.	16/5	54	16	38	0-0	5	1	1	1
Totals:		48/22	198	81	117	4-26	19	1	2	4
Playoff Totals:										
1991	Atl.	2/0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Epps' Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	Blocks
9 at Pitt (11-4-90) SF (10-14-90) 7 Four times	1 at TB (12-2-90) SF (10-14-90) at SF (9-23-90) at KC (9-1-91)	3 TB (11-17-91)	2 at SF (9-23-90) 1 Pho (12-9-90) 1 SF (11-3-91)

ROMAN FORTIN



San Diego State
4th Year
Ht: 6'5" Wt: 295
Born: 2-26-67

**GUARD/
CENTER**

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Acquisition: Plan B Free
Agent, March 31, 1992

Last Season

Roman proved to be a valuable commodity on the Falcons line in his first season in a Falcons uniform. Fortin performed in all 16 games, with one start at Buffalo, but it was his versatility at relieving injured players during games where the Falcons benefited the most. In Week 2 at Washington, he spelled injured Jamie Dukes (cracked rib) and held his own at center for three quarters. His other relief appearances included stints at guard or center vs. Patriots in Week 13 (54 plays), vs. Niners in Weeks 7 & 10 (38 plays), vs. Cardinals in Week 11 (15), and vs. Cowboys in Week 16 (11). His season began on the wrong foot, literally, when both his feet were burned in a cooking accident prior to training camp and he had to sit out most of camp.

Pro Career

Fortin was a key acquisition when the birds plucked him off the Detroit Lions Plan B list in 1992. He performed in every game for the Lions in their run to the playoffs in '91. Roman played in both playoff contests, including the NFC Championship game against the Redskins. His first view of life in the NFL was witnessed from the Lions Injured Reserve list as a rookie in '90.

College

Fortin's college career included a stretch where he started 29 straight games for the Aztecs of San Diego State. During the streak he logged time at tackle, guard and tight end. As a senior, he manned the line that helped San Diego State establish a school mark with 5,610 yards of total offense. The All-WAC honoree recorded six pancake blocks as the Aztec offense rambled for 659 yards in a 38-27 defeat of Utah.

Notebook/Personal

An accident in the Fortin kitchen in mid-July last year caused a grease fire which spilled onto his legs and left second-degree burns. The mishap delayed him suiting up for any training camp practices until August. This was only one of Roman's tough ordeals in '92, for he also had to face the death of former Lion and friend Eric Andolsek, who was killed only a month before. And, he had to deal with the ongoing misfortune of his good friend Mike Utley, who was paralyzed

from the neck down in a game against the Rams in October of '91. Roman speaks to Mike often by phone to check up on his ex-Lions roommate. "When something like that happens to good people, it makes you turn back to the important things in your life," he said. He spearheaded the Falcons Thumbs-Up program that promoted t-shirts with proceeds going to the Mike Utley Foundation. He also was part of an autograph signing session with his fellow offensive linemen to show support for the initiative. It's hard to imagine the 285 pounder anywhere but on the line, but he was actually recruited out of high school as a quarterback. He started three years calling the signals for Ventura (CA) High. His collegiate career started out as a tight end before being switched to tackle on the scout team. Roman Brian was an all-academic first teamer in the WAC after transferring to San Diego State. An accounting major as an Aztec, one of his prized possessions is a green classic '67 Corvette roadster that he takes out of the garage occasionally to show off to his teammates in Suwanee.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 32/1; 1991 (16/0), 1992 (16/1) **Playoffs:** 1991 (2/0)

SCOTT FULHAGE

Kansas State
7th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 193
Born: 11-17-61

Acquisition: Veteran Free
Agent, August 24, 1989

PUNTER

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Last Season

Scott posted a 41.4 average with a 33.0 net in his fourth season in Atlanta. He also dropped 11 punts inside the 20-yard line. Fulhage's best days were a 46.8 average in the opener against the Jets, a 46.5 mark at New Orleans, a 44.8 average at Chicago, and a 49.5 mark on the strength of two punts against the Cowboys. His best yardage output was a 297 effort on seven kicks (for a 42.4 average) in the cold and rainy downpour in Buffalo. The "Cannon" exploded for long boots of 56, 54, 53 (twice), 52, and 51 yards (twice). He boomed the two 51-yarders and another 50-yarder in one game at New Orleans on national TV. In all, he collected 15 punts of 50 yards or more on the year. Unfortunately, he had his first punt blocked in 40 games and 192 punts against New Orleans in Week 3.

Pro Career

He is second on the club's career ledgers for average with a lifetime Falcons mark of 41.4. In his four years as the Falcons punter, "Foot-hage" has knocked down 67 punts inside the opponents 20-yard line. His 68 punts in '92 moved him past Ralph Giacomarro into third place all time with his total of 303 boots. His first season as a bird he **led the NFC in punts inside the 20** with 24 and finished ninth in the League with a 41.3 average after being picked up off waivers from the Bengals in '89. His other pro experiences before sticking full time came with Washington in 1986 and Buffalo in 1985. During the short replacement season, he paced all kickers with a 44.4 average. He had a short stay with the Packers after the strike before being re-signed by Cincinnati.

College

As a Wildcat, he posted a career average of 40.5, punting for 10,284 yards on 254 tries. The former Academic All-America and second team All-Big Eight Selection was ranked second in the conference and 25th in the nation in his junior season with a 41.9 average. He led the conference going into the last game against Colorado as a senior but ended up losing the title by a slim margin. Scott once punted 12 times against Nebraska and played on the school's only bowl team with a 1982 appearance in the Independence Bowl versus Wisconsin, where he punted 8 times, including a 59-yarder. His career longs included a 75-yard boot versus Nebraska and a 72-yard boom against Missouri.

Notebook

Scott and Cyndy Fulhage have been active members of the Falcons community since coming to Atlanta in '89. He makes weekly visits to Shepard Spinal Center and even donates tickets for the kids. Even though he watched Super Bowl XXIII from the Bengals' sidelines, he still earned an AFC Championship ring in 1988. Besides taking the time for school trips to talk to students in the Atlanta area, he also takes a keen interest in schools around his off-season Kansas farm. The family business of tending to the couple's 3,400 acre farm is a high priority in the off-season and it's where they spend all of their energies.

Personal

Scott and Cyndy harvest wheat on their plush farm land in Beloit, Kansas in the offseason. The two Midwesterners grew up on farms, so no chore is too big for their close-knit family, which includes their children Camille and Darrell John. The Fulhage family was dealt a severe blow on June 15 of '92 when a tornado ripped through Beloit destroying his father's farm. A reported 13 tornadoes caused \$5 million in damage to rural Mitchell County and 6 inches of rain ruined crops. Scott's farm got away with only damage to machinery and outdoor equipment. He recently purchased a new 5,000 square foot farm home just miles down the road. In high school, Scott was a track, basketball and football star, applying his trade on the gridiron to everything from quarterback to linebacker at Beloit H.S.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Gross Avg.	Net Avg.	LG	TB	In 20	Blk.
1987	Cinc.	52	2168	41.7	35.6	58	5	10	0
1988	Cinc.	44	1672	38.0	29.4	53	5	13	2
1989	Atl.	84	3472	41.3	33.3	65	9	24	1
1990	Atl.	70	2913	41.6	36.0	59	4	15	0
1991	Atl.	81	3470	42.8	36.6	60	6	21	0
1992	Atl.	68	2818	41.4	33.0	56	3	11	1
Totals:		399	16513	41.4	34.1	65	32	94	4
Playoff Totals:									
1991	Atl.	5	211	42.2		47	0	2	0

Fulhage's Personal Bests

NO	YDS	AVG	LG
8 at N.O. (11-25-90) at Det. (9-16-90) at Jets (11-26-89)	364 at N.O. (11-25-90) 359 at Det. (9-16-90) 344 N.E. (10-15-89)	49.5 Cowboys (12-21-92) 49.1 N.E. (10-15-89) 46.8 Jets (9-6-92) 46.5 at N.O. (12-3-92) 45.5 at N.O. (11-25-90)	65 N.E. (10-15-89) 58 S.D. (10-4-87) 56 Wash. (12-17-89) 56 S.F. (11-9-92) 56 at Buf. (11-21-92)

MIKE GANN


Notre Dame
9th Year
Ht: 6'5" Wt: 270
Born: 10-19-63

Acquisition: 2nd Round,
45th Overall, 1985 Draft

**DEFENSIVE
END**

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Last Season

Mike's rough '92 season didn't start out like he had planned as he fractured his right thumb in the club's third preseason game against the Eagles. He played with a bulky hand wrap that limited his ability to tackle, but still managed to start the first 13 games of the year. After the Saints contest, Gann was found to have a testicular tumor which was removed on Dec. 4. Despite the setbacks, Mike ended up 8th on the team with his 81 tackles. He also chipped in with 2 QB sacks and a team tying 2 recovered fumbles. His best outing was versus the Patriots

as he accumulated six tackles, one QB sack, a pair of QB pressures, a fumble recovery, and a batted ball. He countered with seven tackles, a sack, a pressure, and a fumble recovery against the Rams.

Pro Career

Gann has the distinction of **starting every Falcons game he's ever played in over his career** which now reads 110 NFL games heading into his 9th season. With eight more QB pressures this season he will reach 200 for his career. The hard-rushing former Notre Dame product has been a capable run stopper in his time in Atlanta. He has been associated with lines that helped the birds earn the NFL's Most Improved title in '86, while leading the League in per rush average allowed at 3.3 in '90. He has scored twice in his tenure as a Falcon with a safety.

Year-by-Year

1991: His season was cut short with a neck injury in Week 7 and his string of never missing an NFL game due to injury was snapped at 97 games. At the time of the injury, he was averaging a steady nine tackles per game, with 5 QB pressures in five outings.

1990: He enjoyed his best season of his career with his personal-best 116 tackles to trail only Tim Green for the most by a lineman. Gann collected three, 11-tackle affairs, collected 10 tackles and a sack at Detroit, and registered a pair of nine-tackle games. His other top game came at the hands of the Saints when he had seven stops, a recovered fumble, a sack and two QB pressures. He also blocked the first field goal of his career versus the Rams.

1989: Mike ended up sixth on the team with 99 tackles and again paced the club with 27 QB pressures. He also had a pair of sacks against the Redskins, 11 tackles versus the Jets, and denied Eric Dickerson on a 4th and one to keep the Falcons' hopes alive in Indianapolis.

1988: Mike had 92 tackles and led the team with 25 QB hurries. His play also included four sacks, two pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two fumbles recovered. He scooped up a Randall Cunningham fumble in Philadelphia and rumbled 36 yards for the score. He also had a personal best 14-tackle game in Week 4 against the Cowboys, plus an 11-tackle game vs. the Rams.

1987: Moving around, Mike started seven games at LE, two at RT in a shift to a 4-3 formation, and one at LT. He tied for the lead among Falcon linemen with 85 tackles in 12 games and led the team with 22 QB hurries.

1986: New defensive coordinator Marion Campbell moved Mike to left end for his 3-4 defense and Mike led the team with 43 QB hurries, had three fumble recoveries, 5.5 QB sacks, and his personal best 99 tackles. Mike enjoyed a two-sack game (49ers), a safety (St. Louis), an 11-tackle game (Eagles) and a 12-yard fumble return (Lions).

1985: A sack in his first game was followed by a touchdown in his seventh NFL game (42 lateral return of a fumble) vs. the Saints. He helped save a 14-13 win vs. Minnesota by recovering a fumble with 1:09 remaining in the game. His rookie campaign included five QB sacks and shoulder surgery during the off-season.

Notebook

After experiencing nagging injuries which limited his playing time the last two seasons, Gann signed a new two-year contract in the '93 off-season and has been a regular in the Falcons'

weight room to get ready for a complete season in '93. Mike's decision to return to the team he has played on for eight seasons was enhanced when one of his best friends on the team, Rick Bryan, decided to come back again and try to play after sitting out of last season. Ironically, he and Bryan, along with Scott Case, would have been teammates in college had he decided to attend his first choice in schools after he signed a letter of intent to go to Oklahoma. Instead, he changed his mind and became a Golden Domer so his friends and parents in Chicago could watch him play. Gann is one of the most popular Falcons because of his community work, which includes being involved in the "Bee a Buckler" safety program and annual visits to children's hospitals. Mike will always remember his very first tackle because it was a sack of Lions QB Eric Hipple.

College

A big play-maker at Notre Dame, Gann collected 172 career tackles, including 34 for losses, and trapped the quarterback 21 times. He was voted the team's top defensive player in 1984 with 10 sacks, three forced fumbles and five recovered fumbles while playing all four years for coach Gerry Faust.

Personal

The friendly and affable Gann was a Midwestern baby by birth in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The family picked up and moved on to Lakewood, Colorado when he was a youngster. A two-way star as an All-State selection as a defensive end and an offensive guard, Mike helped guide Lakewood High to a state championship. He uses his background as a high school catcher to teach his son Joseph the finer points of t-ball. An outdoorsman, Michael Alan loves to fish off his bass boat and get in a round or two of golf when he can. He already holds a Marketing degree from Notre Dame and he continues work in the off-season to acquire his Masters degree in Management. Gann and his wife, Judy, who met each other as seniors under the Golden Dome, have three children: Michael Joseph, 5, Mindy, 4, and Mitchell, 2. The Ganns live in Alpharetta.

Gann's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	Fumble Recoveries
14 at Dal (9-25-88) 12 Cin (11-15-87) 11 LA Rams (10-9-88) 11 Jets (11-26-89)	2 at SF (11-23-86) 2 Wash. (12-17-89) 1.5 Cards (9-14-86)	1 NineTimes, last vs. Patriots (11-29-92)
Touchdowns	Safety	Interceptions
1 Saints (10-20-85) 42-lateral of fumble return 1 Eagles(10-30-88) 36-fumble return	1 Cards (9-14-86)	1 Minn. (9-8-91)

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	TD	Safety	Int.
1985	Atl.	16/16	69	40	29	5.0	40	0	1	1	0	
1986	Atl.	16/16	99	53	46	5.5	43	0	3	0	1	
1987	Atl.	12/12	85	48	37	1.5	22	0	0	0	0	
1988	Atl.	16/16	92	59	33	4.0	25	2	2	1	0	
1989	Atl.	16/16	99	52	47	2.0	27	0	0	0	0	
1990	Atl.	16/16	116	53	63	3.5	19	0	2	0	0	
1991	Atl.	5/5	33	12	21	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1992	Atl.	13/13	81	32	49	2.0	11	0	2	0	0	0
Total:		110/110	674	349	325	28.5	187	2	10	2	1	1
Playoff Totals:												
1991	(IR)	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MOE GARDNER

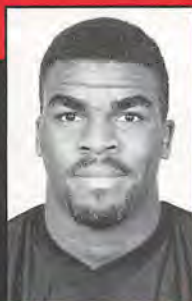


Illinois
3rd Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 261
Born: 8-10-68

Acquisition: 4th round,
87th overall, 1991 Draft

NOSE
TACKLE

67



Last Season

Gardner followed up his Defensive Rookie of the Year season of '91 (by *Football Digest*) with another productive sophomore campaign by ending up sixth on the club with a **personal-high of 111 tackles**. In addition, he finished second on the team with 4.5 QB sacks and second in QB pressures with 24. Moe had his share of top games as he registered 9 tackles and a sack for a minus 11 yards of Mark Rypien in Week 2 against the Redskins. He collared 8 tackles and a sack and a half of NFL MVP Steve Young in the second Niners contest as well as an eight tackle affair with a sack of Pro Bowler Brett Favre versus the Pack. A 10 tackle day against the Cowboys in Week 16 barely edged out superb efforts of 9 tackles each vs. Patriots (Week 13) and Saints (twice). Gardner started 14 games in the shifting Falcons defense while seeing substantial action in every contest.

Pro Career

Moe has now been a stabilizing force on the Falcons first line of defense, receiving the starting nod in 27 out of 32 NFL games played in his two year career. He has accumulated 207 tackles in his tenure, which averages out to 7 tackles per contest, in a position where he's double-teamed on almost every play. His 96 tackles in his rookie year were the most by a defensive linemen in five seasons. Gardner's quickness was evident in his very first pro game at Kansas City when he harassed QB Steve DeBerg and finished with a personal-best 6 QB pressures. He had a huge forced fumble that the Falcons recovered to snuff out a Saints drive in the Falcons first ever road playoff victory in New Orleans (to go along with 8 tackles).

Year-by-Year

1991: The **consensus All-NFL rookie** made a big splash on the NFL scene with his 96 stops, the best of any rookie defensive player, and 3 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and a club-best 38 pressures. He started 14 out of 16 contests and had his top games vs. Phoenix (12 tackles, a sack, 3 pressures), New Orleans (10 stops), and Washington (9 stops, 5 pressures). His big hit on Tampa Bay QB Jeff Carlson resulted in a fumble which was scooped up by Oliver Barnett and returned 75 yards for a score.

Notebook

This undersized but determined athlete exemplified his never-say-die attitude on a play at Washington in Week 2. Moe bulldozed his way past two huge Redskins offensive linemen to sack QB Mark Rypien for an 11-yard loss. It made such an impression that the play found its way onto the Falcons' highlight film. Although he weighs only 261 pounds and is one of the lightest d-linemen in the NFL, the Falcons stunting, blitzing defense is a perfect fit for his talents. His quiet and introspective side belies a very intelligent and articulate person. Moe strives to be a well-rounded person in every endeavor that he attempts as he devotes a great deal of time to his wife, Mickie, and their daughter Morgan. They both received their undergraduate degrees while raising their daughter, taking turns baby-sitting while the other attended classes. Sacrifices were a way of life for the Gardners. They made their way through school with Pell Grants and summer jobs, residing in a small off-campus apartment. It was all worth the suffering when Moe accepted his sociology degree and Mickie attained her diploma in medical sociology.

College

His college career can be summed up simply as record-breaking and award-winning. For the Fighting Illini, Moe set a new **school record** with 54 tackles for losses in a career and tied the school mark with 20 tackles for losses in a season. In his junior year he was a finalist for the Outland Trophy and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award. In the tough Big Ten Conference, Moe was a three-time first team All-Conference pick (he was second team All-Conference as a freshman), and he was picked the Defensive Player of the Year in 1990 by the League's

coaches. In '89 when he was picked as a consensus All-American, he was the **first Illini defensive star to earn that recognition since Dick Butkus**. He'll long be remembered at Illinois for a career that included 303 tackles, 54 tackles for losses of 223 yards, 18 QB sacks, 18 passes broken up and 6 fumble recoveries.

Personal

Morris Gardner Jr. was born to Morris Sr., a General Motors foreman, and Mynelle, a kindergarten teacher, in Indianapolis. Moe was raised on a strong work ethic that comes from the influence of his parents. His grandfather, Albert Umphrey (Tennessee State All-America), was also a source of inspiration for a young Moe. He lists his grandfather as his childhood hero. His mother taught him the importance of education and he has excelled throughout his academic career, as he topped the honor roll as a prepster despite starring in football and basketball at Cathedral High. While espousing on the virtues of being well-rounded he was taught to appreciate all things like theater and jazz. He received piano lessons as a fifth grader and was always told to follow the example of Paul Robeson, who juggled being an All-American football player, with being a lawyer, actor, politician and a recognized baritone. The couple welcomed a new addition to the household in son Andrew.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR
1991	Atl.	16/13	96	51	45	3-31	38	3	0
1992	Atl.	16/14	111	47	64	4.5-27	24	0	0
Totals:		32/27	207	98	109	7.5-58	62	3	0
Playoff Totals:									
1991	Atl.	2/2	14	8	6	0	0	1	0

Gardner's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	QB Pressures
12 at Phoe. (10-20-91) 10 N.O. (9-29-91) Dal (12-21-92)	1.5 S.F. (11-9-92) 1 at Phoe. (10-20-91) T.B. (11-17-91) at Rams (12-8-91) Rams (11-1-92) Packers (10-4-92) at Wash. (9-13-92)	6 at K.C. (9-1-91) 5 at Wash. (11-20-91) G.B. (12-1-91)

JAMES GEATHERS



Wichita State
10th Year
Ht: 6'7" Wt: 290
Born: 6-26-60

DEFENSIVE
LINEMAN

97



Acquisition: Unrestricted Free
Agent (Redskins), March 19, 1993

Last Season

"Jumpy" was exactly what the Falcons were shopping for when they went into the free agent market looking to improve their pass rush. The huge 6'7", 290-pounder used his strength in the form of forklift, swim, and bull rush techniques to be the Redskins' designated pass rushing specialist over the past three seasons. Redskins defensive line coach Torgy Torgeson called Geathers *"probably the strongest player we have"*. The ten-year veteran was known for pushing back an entire pile to get to the quarterback. He was credited with 5 QB sacks, 16 QB hurries (third on club) and numerous knockdowns of offensive linemen in the tough NFC Eastern Division. "Jumpy" showed he could play the run as well, recording 14 tackles while only logging time in a few rushing plays on the year. His best game of the season was against the Giants in Week 8 when he recorded 2 QB sacks and 2 QB hurries. Geathers was a force for the Skins in the playoff encounter with the Vikings as he collared 1 sack and was responsible for collapsing the pocket to allow Washington to register 4 other sacks, while limiting Minnesota to 75 yards passing and only 6 completions.

Pro Career

Geathers is a veteran of 121 NFL games through nine seasons. His career started out as a second round draft pick of the Saints in '84. In a Saints uniform, he played in all 16 games in 4 out of his 6 seasons and 80 total. He went to the Skins in '90 via the Plan B free agent route and garnered a Super Bowl ring. He has **collected 38.5 QB sacks in his tenure in the League** and his five last season were the most since 1986.

Year-by-Year

1991: He was the **team leader** in QB hurries with 27 and finished fourth on the club with his 4.5 QB sacks. His best game was versus the Steelers as he sacked QB Neil O'Donnell *twice* for minus 23 yards, forcing a fumble on one of the sacks, and totaled 3 tackles. He topped off his fine season by recording a sack and 3 tackles in Super Bowl XXVI.

1990: Reconstructive surgery on his right knee made him miss the first 7 weeks of the season. His immediate impact was felt in his first action of the year in Week 8 against the Lions when he came up with a big sack in the 3rd quarter despite playing only six plays. Through nine games played he accumulated 3 sacks, 5 QB hurries, and a forced fumble.

1989: A productive year with 23 tackles, a QB sack, and a team-high 5 fumble recoveries ended prematurely as he suffered a knee injury in the second to last game of the year. Jumpy started the most games of his career with 15 but his knee required reconstructive surgery.

1988: Geathers was in the starting lineup six times and registered a personal-best 33 tackles, while finishing with 3.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries. His top outing was a two-sack day vs. the Giants.

1987: Torn knee ligaments in the preseason finale ended his season.

1986: Jumpy's third season in New Orleans was a career year as he posted a **personal-high of 9 QB sacks**, while totaling a then career-high of 32 tackles.

1985: His second year in the pros he was used primarily as a pass rusher and it paid off with 6.5 sacks and 29 tackles.

1984: As a rookie, he responded with 6 sacks playing a reserve role.

Notebook

Jumpy will be able to tell his grandkids that he not only played in a Super Bowl (XXVI) but how he registered a QB sack in the biggest game of his life. The consummate winner from Georgetown, South Carolina was also a member of the Saints' first-ever playoff team in club history in 1987 and in his nine years in the League, he has played on four playoff teams. Geathers also has the distinction of having one of his best games ever against his current team as he blocked a field goal and batted down a personal-best 7 passes at the line against the Falcons in 1985.

Personal/College

Geathers returns to the South for the first time since '89 to continue his pro career. He is a product of a small community in the PeeDee region of coastal South Carolina. He received his nickname of "Jumpy" from his grandfather as a youth. His athletic career after high school actually began as a 6-7 basketball player at Paducah (KY) Community College. But he found his calling as a defensive lineman after transferring to Wichita State as a junior. In his stay in the Midwest, he was extremely productive with 34 QB sacks as a member of the Shockers. A giving player, he sponsors a yearly basketball tournament to help raise funds for equipment for five high schools in his hometown. He's attempting to have a community recreation center built in the area and he's already had a learning center and weight room added on to Choppe High School. Jumpy is the proud owner of a car dealership in Georgetown which is run by his older brother, Robert, a 3rd round pick of the Bills in '81.

Career Statistics

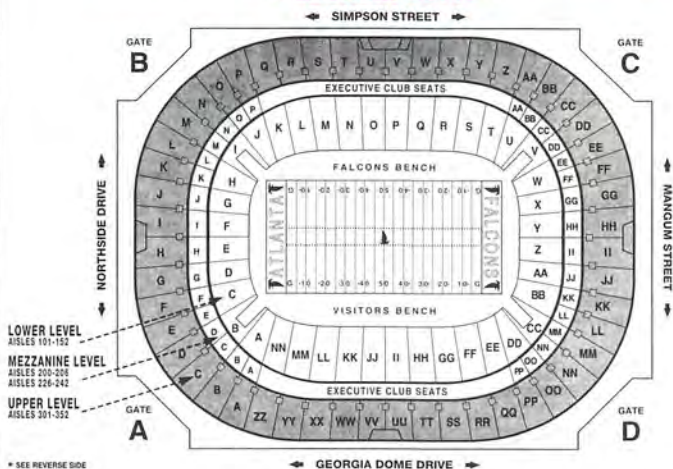
Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR
1984	N.O.	16/0	11	10	1	6	2	0
1985	N.O.	16/0	29	25	4	6.5	1	0
1986	N.O.	16/2	32	24	8	9	3	1
1987	N.O.	1/0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1988	N.O.	16/6	33	26	7	3.5	6	3
1989	N.O.	15/15	23	16	7	1	1	5
1990	Wash.	9/1	3	2	1	3	1	0
1991	Wash.	16/0	21	15	6	4.5	2	0
1992	Wash.	16/0	14	4	10	5	1	0
Totals:		121/24	167	123	44	38.5	17	9

Geathers' Personal Bests

Sacks: 2 STL (9-23-84)
 at Minn. (12-21-86)
 NYG (11-27-88)
 at Sea (10-16-88)
 at Pitt (11-17-91)

ATLANTA FALCONS STADIUM DIAGRAM

• GEORGIA DOME •



TIM GREEN



Syracuse
8th Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 249
Born: 12-16-63

Acquisition: 1st Round,
17th overall, 1986 Draft

DEFENSIVE
END

99



Last Season

Green totaled 73 tackles in 11 starts for the birds in his seventh season, but the year ended sooner than he wanted as he was placed on Injured Reserve on Dec. 1 with a hyperextended right elbow. He also recorded 3 QB sacks (tied for fourth on team charts) for minus 20 yards, 17 QB pressures and a fumble recovery, while logging time in all 12 games. The 73 tackles ended a sting of the consecutive seasons with 100 or more tackles for Tim. His right elbow injury was suffered against the Patriots. Tim's top game came in back-to-back week as he tallied 9 tackles, a QB sack of Brett Favre for a nine yard loss, and 3 other QB pressures on Favre in a victory over the Packers. The following week he tallied 9 more tackles and a Dan Marino sack against the Dolphins. His '92 season also included 12 tackles versus the Bills and 10 stops against the Rams.

Pro Career

Tim has settled into a role in the Falcon trenches for the last three seasons ever since Glanville took over in '90. Since coming into the League in '86 he performed at all four linebacker positions in Atlanta in order to find his niche. In '89, he moved up and down the line as a defensive end and linebacker in certain situations.

Year-by-Year

1991: He finished fifth on the team with his 117 tackles and a team-leading five QB sacks. Tim was second on the club with 29 QB pressures and had two fumble recoveries. For the second consecutive season, he was the only Falcon lineman to receive the starting nod in every game.

1990: Tim made a full-time switch to defensive line pay off as he established a personal high with 121 tackles and paced the club in sacks with 6. He was the only lineman to start every game and was tied for the team lead with 4 forced fumbles. He collared 11 tackles and 6 QB pressures with two 10 tackle games vs. Bears and Saints. His two fumble recoveries and eight stops at

Pittsburgh won him Miller Lite Player of the Game honors. He was impressive at his new position in the preseason where he registered three sacks against Green Bay.

1989: Green started 14 games at three different positions (ROLB, LOLB and RE) and collected his first 100-plus tackle season with a third best 111 stops. His five QB sacks were third on the club and he also chipped in with 16 QB pressures and a forced and recovered fumble.

1988: After six weeks on IR (elbow), Tim came on strong to record 50 tackles, including five starting assignments. Over the second half of the season, his play in a special "Waco Gang" defense (with him moving around) enabled the Falcons to yield just 95 points in the final eight games. He had a 10-tackle game vs. the Rams in Week 15.

1987: In Week 9, Tim's season was cut short with a knee injury. He had blocked a field goal to help save a win over the Redskins in Week 2. Then, the players strike came and Tim decided to stay and play. Against a 49ers replacement team of Montana, Craig, Clark, Francis, Fuller, etc., Tim had 15 tackles and a QB sack.

1986: He played the final 11 games of his rookie year, bouncing back from IR and a ruptured calf muscle. He made his first NFL start in the season finale (Lions) and responded with 12 tackles.

Notebook

Tim boasts one of the most interesting resumes of any player on an NFL roster when it comes to life off the football field. In the offseason, he found a publisher (*Turner Publishing* in Atlanta) for his novel "Ruffians," and is already under contract for a second book. The first book is about a college player who is drafted into the Birmingham Ruffians and plays for an unscrupulous owner and coach. Green has been a commentator on a weekly show for National Public Radio and wrote a weekly column during the season for the *Syracuse Herald-Journal* (NFL Notepad). He even has gone behind the camera as the sports talent for WSTM-TV in Syracuse. He continues his law degree in the offseason at Syracuse and is active with his karate lessons. The co-valedictorian of Syracuse (3.83 GPA in English Literature) nominated his high school science teacher (John Williams) for the NFL's first Teacher of the Year Award in 1990 and won. The former Rhodes Scholar nominee had a \$10,000 scholarship fund started in his name because of the award.

College

The All-American defensive end used his quickness to collect 28.5 sacks in his last two seasons and 341 total tackles in his four-year career for the Orangemen. The senior co-captain was in the running for the Lombardi Trophy as one of three juniors and once blocked a Navy punt and returned it for a score. He was tabbed *Sports Illustrated's* Defensive Player of the Week twice in his career, once for his play as Syracuse upset No. 1 Nebraska, and recorded four sacks in a game against Virginia Tech.

Personal

A devout family man, Tim works his busy schedule around his own personal rooting section that consist of wife Illyssa, son Thane and Daughter Tessa. His folks, Richard (a systems analyst) and Judy (a school teacher) Green made an impact on his early life. The couple used to bring Tim all kinds of books home each day from the local library and it explains his penchant for always carrying a book around with him today. New York's Player of the Year as a prepster and *Parade* All-America decided to reject scholarship offers from Notre Dame and Penn State to stay in-state at Syracuse. During the season, the charitable Green gives time to Eagle Boys Ranch and donates monetary performance pledges to the Home.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	QB Pres.	FF	FR	Blk. Kick
1986	Atlanta	11/1	14	7	7	0-0	4	0	0	0
1987	Atlanta	9/5	39	26	13	1-9	13	0	1	1
1988	Atlanta	10/5	50	25	25	4-35	12	1	0	0
1989	Atlanta	16/14	111	60	51	5-39	16	1	1	0
1990	Atlanta	16/16	121	44	77	6-36	37	4	1	0
1991	Atlanta	16/16	117	49	68	5.44	29	0	2	0
1992	Atlanta	12/11	73	38	35	3-20	17	0	1	0
Total:		90/68	525	249	276	24-183	128	6	5	1
Playoff Totals:										
1991		2/2	19	12	7	1-9	5	0	0	0

Football's Toughest Division

Over the past decade, the NFC West has been football's best. Here are the facts:

- Two teams qualified for postseason for a 10th consecutive year, unmatched by any other Division in '92.
- Won Interconference series for 7th straight year, combined 65-42 vs. AFC since 1986 season.
- Only Division to have two teams with 12 or more wins.
- NFC West had #1 offensive team - S.F. in points and total yards.
- NFC West had #1 defensive team - N.O. in points and QB sacks.
- NFC West had one of NFL's best special teams - Atlanta #1 in KOR average, with two TD's, four FG's over 50, eight returns over 40 yards.
- NFC West was 9-2 vs. NFC Central, 6-5 vs. NFC East, 15-7 vs. NFC, plus 10-6 vs. AFC East for a combined 25-13 outside the Division.
- None of the teams had a losing record outside the Division as both the Falcons and Rams were 5-5 outside the Division.
- 17 Pro Bowlers came from four NFC West teams, 13 East, 12 Central.

DARRYL HARDY



Tennessee
1st Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 220
Born: 11-22-68

Acquisition: 10th round,
270th overall, 1992 Draft

LINEBACKER

50



Last Season

Darryl Hardy was able to learn his craft by studying and working out with the Falcons all year on the Practice Squad. Hardy was released on the final cutdown on August 31, but re-signed to the Practice Squad on September 2. He saw action in all four preseason games with the club and it was his sack and forced fumble on Bills QB Gale Gilbert in the 4th quarter that was scooped up by Tim Paulk and returned 11 yards for a score.

College

By the time Hardy's career in Knoxville was over he was 9th on Tennessee's all time tackle list with 227 solo stops. An *All-SEC* selection and honorable mention *All-America* as a senior in '91, he accumulated 318 tackles as a Volunteer, including 20 tackles for losses. His career totals also included five recovered fumbles, five caused fumbles, four interceptions and 5.5 QB sacks. In addition, the quick Hardy broke through the line to record **five blocked kicks**. His top game came in high fashion in a dramatic come-from-behind victory over Notre Dame where he collared 10 solos and 17 total tackles. He also blocked a field goal attempt at the end of the first half that was returned 85 yards for a TD to earn *SEC Defensive Player of the Week*. Darryl began to emerge as a sophomore as he led the team with 110 tackles in his initial season in the starting lineup. A career-high 20 tackle contest, with 18 solos, against Alabama was the 4th highest single game total in Tennessee history.

Notebook/Personal

Darryl Gerrod started out his gridiron career on the offensive side of the ball as a tackle, center, and tight end for Cincinnati's Princeton High School. He found his calling, though, in his final prep game when he registered 15 tackles and an eye-opening 4.5 QB sacks in his *one and only* stint at linebacker. He teamed with the Falcons' Chuck Smith to help form one of the winningest classes in Volunteer history with over 30 victories, two SEC titles, and a pair of New Year's Day Bowl wins. While in Knoxville, he played the 'checker' position or designated signal-caller of the defense for coordinator Larry Lacewell. The locals still fondly recall the 'shot' he put on Alabama's Murry Hill, which ended the running back's season with a bruised lung and five fractured ribs. A fleet-footed linebacker, he says he gained his speed by riding his bike doing daredevil stunts as a youth.

MICHAEL HAYNES



N. Arizona
6th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 184
Born: 12-24-65

Acquisition: 7th Round,
166th overall, 1988 Draft

WIDE
RECEIVER

81



Last Season

Michael continued to be one of the best long distance threats in the NFL and one of the League's clutch performers in '92. After leading the League in per catch average in '91 (at 22.4), he followed it up by finishing third overall with a 16.8 mark (among all receivers with at least 45 catches). His 10 touchdown receptions were second on the team to Rison's 11, but good enough for fourth (tie with Givins) on the overall NFL charts. **Over the past two seasons, Haynes has the highest per catch average of any receiver in the League at 19.7 (see chart).** And his closest competition is over two yards behind him! His 21 touchdowns over that span is the third best total behind only Rice (24) and Rison (23) as the trio are the only receivers to post 20 or more TD's in the last two years. Michael's fifth season in a Falcons uniform also entailed missing two games (NO, at Chicago) with a sprained shoulder suffered at Washington. Take a look at the '92 feats of a player who goes by the aptly termed nickname of "Flash."

- Set a Falcons **club record** by hauling in an 89-yard TD catch vs Skins.
- Snared a 60 yard TD bomb at Tampa Bay.
- Registered two back-to-back 100-yard games at Tampa Bay (5-113-2) and against Dallas (5-100).
- Collected three, two TD days vs Jets, Rams, and Buccaneers.
- Grabbed game winning 13-yarder with 2:09 left to defeat Packers and complete comeback.
- Scored first touchdown in the Georgia Dome from 76 yards out on the Falcons' first offensive play.
- Finished season strong with 16 catches for 301 yards, an 18.8 average, and three scores, in the last three games.

Pro Career

In 1991, Michael established his name around the League for his deep threat capabilities. Besides **leading the League in average per catch**, Haynes' average per touchdown catch was an incredible 44.9 yards. He **tied a club record with five 100-yard receiving games** and his 1,222 total yards was the fourth-most productive season of any Falcons wide out. His personal highlight video included big games against the arch-rival Saints. He had a 187 receiving effort at New Orleans, with an 80-yard TD, and a 144-yard affair in the Playoffs against the Saints, with a game winning 61-yard TD. He was also on the receiving end of Billy Joe Tolliver's 44-yard "Hail Mary" pass, which defeated the 49ers. With two more 100-yard contests in '92, he upped his career total to seven. In the last two years, he and Andre Rison have proved to be a deadly pair of receivers as they have **led the NFL both years in combined TD's** by any duo (see chart). He holds two of the top five single game bests in club history with 190 and 187 receiving yard days. Before his shoulder injury in Week 2 at Washington last year, he had a streak where he scored a TD in five consecutive games (last three of '91 & first two of '92). With 10 more catches of 20 yards or more in '92 (89t, 60t, 47t, 44t, 38t, 26, 24, 23, 21t, 21), he now has **51 career receptions of 20+ yards**. Michael's rookie year was a precursor of things to come as he snagged two game winning long strikes of 49 yards against the Eagles and a 37-yarder versus the Bucs. His sophomore year in the League produced the 190 outing against the Skins, including a 72-yard scoring grab, as he finished with a personal-high of 40 aerials (for 681 yards). Nagging injuries limited his role in 1990 to 31 receptions, but included longs of 60 and 55 yards. **Haynes strides into his sixth season with an impressive 18.1 yards per catch average for his career.**

NFL's Best Touchdown Duos

1992 TOUCHDOWN DUOS

21 Haynes—Rison, Falcons

19 Givins—Jeffries, Oilers

15 Sharpe—J. Harris, Packers

13 Rice—Taylor, 49ers

13 Barnett—Williams, Eagles

12 Duper—K. Jackson, Dolphins

12 Lofton—Metzellaars, Bills

1991 TOUCHDOWN DUOS

23 Haynes—Rison, Falcons

23 Rice—Taylor, 49ers

18 Reed—Lofton, Bills

18 Clark—Monk, Redskins

17 Duper—Clayton, Dolphins

12 Turner—Martin, Saints

Notebook

He made sure his name would always be remembered by every trivia buff in Atlanta when he made history in the first game in the Georgia Dome. On the Falcons' first offensive play ever in their new home against the Eagles on August 23, Haynes went streaking down the sideline to grab a 76 yard touchdown strike from QB Chris Miller to become the first bird to score a TD

in their new nest. He added to his new found trivia fame when he turned around and also scored the first TD in the regular season opener versus the Jets from 14 yards out. Michael's football career had humble beginnings as he settled for playing the trumpet in the band at halftime of football games at Joseph Clark H.S. in New Orleans instead of suiting up as a player. He began to play the sport only after his friends decided to try out at Eastern Arizona Junior College. "I never played in high school because I was too small," he explained. "By the time I became a senior, I grew a foot and gained a lot of weight, but it was too late. Trying out for football was a tool for me to continue my education." The only prior experience he had was playing street ball with his friends back in the Bayou country. Haynes parlayed his brief, but successful tenure, at Eastern Arizona into a scholarship to Northern Arizona. He credits his extensive track background as one of the main reasons for developing his quickness and explosiveness on the gridiron. He raced against gold medalist Carl Lewis at the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis prior to inking his first pro football contract in the summer of 1988. The Big Sky Conference's 100 and 200 meter champion competed in the NCAA Championships, running the anchor leg of NAU's 400 meter relay team. The speedster has clocked a 4.35 40 yard time and a 10.28 in the 100. Assistant Head Coach/Offense June Jones thinks Michael is the fastest player in the NFL. "If you're talking about football-related stuff, I think he's the fastest player in the game." The fleet-footed wide out displayed his explosive burst to the amazement and surprise of thousands of Redskins fans when he outran the three-time winner of the NFL's "Fastest Man Competition," Darrell Green, en route to his record breaking 89-yard touchdown jaunt in the nation's capital last year. Haynes likes his moniker of "Flash" so much that he wears a t-shirt with the comic book hero on it.

College

Michael's first taste of organized football came after he walked-on with friends to Eastern Arizona JC in Thatcher, Arizona. He made the squad as a cornerback and kick returner and rang up some good numbers with 65 tackles and 5 interceptions, along with a 20.6 KOR average and a 15.3 PR average. He was moved strictly to offense the next season and his career took off. Haynes played halfback (31-441-14.2 avg.) and wide out (12-267-22.3), scoring three times with an 80-yard catch to his credit. Michael accepted a scholarship to Northern Arizona where he finished with 49 receptions for 835 yards, nine scores and a long of 81 yards. The versatile performer had one of the best kickoff return averages in the country as a senior with a 26.9 mark and posted a 17.5 per catch average as a junior. His 243-yard receiving day put him in the Lumberjack record book.

Personal

For his philanthropic efforts on behalf of the Children's Miracle Network, where he donated \$100 for every touchdown catch the last two seasons, a Haynes caricature poster was created and given out to fans at a Falcons home game last year. The poster was also sold at Atlanta area Kyrstals with the proceeds going to the CMN. "When I was growing up I never had a chance to meet a pro football player," he said, explaining his community involvement. "Children see athletes everyday on television and look up to those players. I think it's important that they meet

people who are straightforward with them and can guide them in the right direction." He was depicted on a poster along with boxer Evander Holyfield and ex-Brave Jeff Treadway for helmet safety. Michael's favorite hobbies include listening to a variety of music from R&B to Jazz to Reggae. He keeps his own personal portable stereo on the wall next to his locker in Suwanee so he's never far from his 'tunes'. He even has a stereo system (and saltwater fish tank) built into the wall of his suburban home in Alpharetta, GA. Michael's modest home comes complete with a pool and ping-pong tables in his game room. Kids from the neighborhood often stop by to visit or take turns in the game room with the down-to-earth Haynes. He also enjoys spending time with his pair of cinnamon red chows named, Nikki and Jazmine. Michael's "kids" are constant passengers in his Jeep Wrangler. When he's not toolin' around Atlanta in his Jeep, he can be found in either on his Honda CBR1000 motorcycle or in his red Porsche 911 Targa. Haynes also visits his hometown of New Orleans a lot in the off season so he can drop in on his good friends, including Bucs DB Milton Mack. Michael is an avid basketball player who hits the hardwood with his Falcons teammates in his off hours after the season. The athletic Haynes scored a game high 26 points in Deion Sanders' *Prime Time Shoot Out* charity basketball game in the off-season. He also spent time trying to finish his elementary education degree at Georgia State University. Considered by many to be one of the fastest players in the League, he finished second by **one-hundredth of a second** to Alexander Wright of the Raiders in the 1993 NFL's "Fastest Man" competition on June 19. Michael beat Don Beebe (Bills) and Randall Hill (Cardinals) to advance to the finals and clocked a 6.20 time for 60 yards to Wright's 6.19 in the 116 degree temperature at Indio, CA.

Wide Receivers — Last Two Seasons, Totals

YARDS PER CATCH		TOUCHDOWNS	
Michael Haynes	19.7	Jerry Rice	24
James Lofton	17.2	Andre Rison	23
Michael Irvin	17.1	Michael Haynes	21
Gary Clark	16.8	Sterling Sharpe	17
Mark Duper	16.3	Haywood Jeffires	16
Henry Ellard	16.0	Michael Irvin	15
Fred Barnett	15.7	Gary Clark	15
Anthony Miller	14.73	Ernest Givins	15
Jerry Rice	14.67	James Lofton	14
Irving Fryer	14.67	Andre Reed	13

Note: To be eligible for highest yards-per-catch average, wide receivers must have caught at least 44 passes per year during both the '91 and '92 seasons.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Receiving					Kickoff Returns				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1988	15/5	13	232	17.8	49t	4	6	113	18.8	25	0
1989	13/11	40	681	17.0	72t	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
1990	13/10	31	445	14.4	60	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1991	16/16	50	1122	22.4 *	80t	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1992	14/14	48	808	16.8	89t	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:	71/56	182	3,288	18.1	89t	29	6	113	18.8	25	0
* Led NFL											
Playoff Totals:											
1991	2/2	7	159	22.7		2					

Haynes' Personal Bests

Receiving			
Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
6 Wash (12-17-89)	190 Wash (12-17-89)	89t at Wash. (9-13-92)	2 at Dal. (12-22-91)
Det. (12-24-89)	187 at N.O. (11-24-91)	80t at N.O. (11-24-91)	at N.O. (11-24-91)
at N.O. (11-24-91)	148 at Dal. (12-22-91)	75t at Wash. (11-10-91)	Wash. (12-17-89)
at Rams (12-8-91)	113 at T.B. (12-13-92)	72t Wash. (12-17-89)	at Phil (10-30-88)
at N.O. (12-28-91)	112 at Rams (12-8-91)	67t at Dal. (12-22-91)	NY Jets (9-6-92)
S.F. (11-9-92)	110 LA Rams (10-27-91)	60 at Det. (9-16-90)	Rams (11-1-92)
at Rams (12-27-92)	105 at Wash (11-10-91)	at T.B. (12-13-92)	at T.B. (12-13-92)
5 Rams (11-1-92)	100 Dallas (12-21-92)	57 at N.O. (11-24-91)	1 Fifteen times
at Minn. (12-10-89)	94 at SF (10-13-91)	55 Phil. (11-18-90)	
at SF (10-13-91)	89 at Wash. (11-10-92)	55t Rams (10-27-91)	
at Dal. (12-22-91)	89 at Minn (12-10-89)	52 at Rams (12-8-91)	
Phx (11-15-92)	at Rams (12-27-92)	49t at Phil (10-30-88)	
at T.B. (12-13-92)	86 Rams (11-1-92)	47 Dallas (12-21-92)	
Dallas (12-21-92)			

Prolific Foursome

The Atlanta Falcons are known as keeping "Fast Company" with a quartet of receivers that are setting club and NFL records on a regular basis. Everyone (Haynes, Rison, Pritchard, Hill) returns healthy in '93 with even loftier goals. Simply by the numbers, this quartet may be unmatched in NFL history. They'll pass 20,000 combined yards this fall and they've already found the end zone 133 times as a result of eight individual 1,000-yard seasons and six individual 10-or-more TD seasons.

BOBBY HEBERT



NW Louisiana
8th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 215
Born: 8-19-60

QUARTERBACK

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Acquisition: Unrestricted Free
Agent, April 21, 1993

Last Season

In his seventh year with the Saints, Bobby threw for a **career-high 3,287 yards**, which was the **4th highest total by an NFC quarterback** in '92, in leading New Orleans to the **Playoffs with a 12-4 record**. The 3,287 yards were the most by a Saints signal caller since Archie Manning in 1980. Hebert's **249 completions** out of **422 attempts** and **19 touchdown passes** were the **second-best** single season totals of his career. His 82.9 QB rating was the sixth highest in the conference and tied his previous **club record** established in 1987. The former USFL star carried an **impressive 7.79 yards per pass attempt last season, which was the second-most in the NFL** to League MVP Steve Young's 8.62. He threw 29 completions for 25 yards or more and even had a personal best of 95 rushing yards. His season of big games included a career-high 355 yards on 19 of 26 attempts, with three TD's, at Phoenix in Week 7. In a showdown with the 49ers, he connected for 301 yards and a pair of scores on 22 of 35 afternoon. Bobby's pin point passing enabled him to complete 78.9% of his throws (15 of 19) at Detroit in Week 5, and he totaled 264 yards, including scoring tosses of 72 and 52 yards, in a Week 2 clash with the Bears. The strong throwing Cajun continued to get stronger as the season progressed **tying a club record when he went three consecutive games (Week's 10-12) without tossing an interception**.

Pro Career

After a successful three year stint in the USFL with the Michigan Panthers and Oakland Invaders, Hebert became the second all time leading passer in Saints history in only seven seasons. As a Panther he defeated the Philadelphia Stars in the Championship game in the first season of the new league in '83 by a score of 24-22. He moved on to the Invaders two years later and guided them to the final game before bowing 28-24 to the Baltimore Stars in '85. In a Saints uniform, he leaves his name etched in the record book for passing yardage, attempts, completions, and touchdowns, while standing as the **club's all time leader in passing %** at 58.5. He had a **winning percentage of .653** as a starter, posting a 49-26 mark in 75 starts, including a 16-1 record against AFC clubs. He came back with a vengeance in '91 after sitting

out '90 in a contract dispute, hitting on 60.1% of his passes, the 5th-best total in team history, to help the Saints win their first ever NFC West crown. The year before he set a single-season record with a 62.9% in '89, breaking Ken Stabler's old mark of 61.9%. He guided New Orleans to their first ever berth in the Playoffs in the 21-year history of the franchise and the best record ever with a 12-3 mark in '87.

Year-by-Year

1991: Besides his second straight season of completing 60% of his passes, he had 1,676 yards and 9 TD's in nine games. He suffered a sprained shoulder in the opener against Seattle, but toughed it out to still complete 18 of 29 passes with 226 yards and 2 TD's. The shoulder bothered him all season and he also played through a concussion and a bruise on the shoulder to help the Saints claim their first ever NFC Western Division title and another berth in post season. Against the Chiefs he hit on 70.4% of his throws (19-27) with 211 yards and a pair of scores. After sitting out a game against the Buccaneers, he returned to the starting lineup and connected on 27 of 39 for 291 yards and 2 TD's, with a season-long 65-yarder for a score. But he re-injured his shoulder against Chicago and was sidelined for six games. Once again, he returned with a hot hand, winning NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors with 320 yards in the air on a season-best 71.8% completion rate (28-39) on Monday Night against the Raiders. A solid first round playoff performance versus the Falcons saw him go 26 of 44 for 273 yards and a touchdown, but the Saints lost a 27-20 thriller. After the season he underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder.

1990: Sat out entire year in contract dispute.

1989: His single season club record 62.9% through the air also was second among all NFL starters. Bobby opened the season in high fashion by ripping the Cowboys defense, completing 84.2% of his throws (16 of 19), the second-best mark in team history. His torrid pace continued the next week with a 71.9% accuracy rate on 23 of 32 passes at Green Bay. A career day versus the Niners saw him establish new marks in attempts with 49, completions with 31, and yards with 308. His productive month of October won him the *NFC Offensive Player of the Month award* by virtue of his 98 of 154 totals (63.6%) for 1,396 yards, 10 TD's and only 4 pickoffs. He threw for at least 250 yards in the five games in October and enjoyed three, 3 TD affairs at Green Bay, the Jets, and at the Rams on the season.

1988: Hebert started every game for the first time in his career, hitting on 58.6% of his tosses, for a then-personal-high of 3,156 yards, with a career-best 20 TD's to lead the Saints to a 10-6 mark. He broke Archie Manning's **team record** (of 78.6%) by completing 87% of his passes (20-23) versus the Broncos to garner Offensive Player of the Week accolades in the NFC. He totaled at least 200 passing yards in eight games, a career-best, and connected on at least 50% of his throws in all but two games (both losses). A season opening personal best of four TD's vs. the 49ers, a 282-yard affair (23-32-1 TD) at Detroit, and a three TD day versus the Broncos, were season highlights. He was at the helm of an offense that ranked second in the League in average time of possession (32:38).

1987: For the year, he finished as the highest rated passer of any QB in Saints history at 82.9 to lead New Orleans to both their best record ever in franchise history and their first ever Playoff appearance. He also had only nine interceptions on the year, the lowest of any starter in the NFL. Hebert connected on 55% of his passes for the first time in his career in posting a 10-3 record as a starter (including playoff game). He had consecutive games of over 250 yards vs. Bucs and Oilers (with three scores) and had an accuracy rate of 69.6% (16-23) in a season ending victory over the Packers. The Saints signal caller was in charge of an offense that was tops in the League in possession time (at 34:00).

1986: After winning a starting spot in training camp, he was in the lineup for the first three games before breaking a bone in his foot at San Francisco. He spent the next six weeks on Injured Reserve and was activated but did not log any time until the final game of the season. Despite tossing only 14 aerals versus Green Bay, he connected on 76 and 84-yard passes.

1985: In his first NFL season, he provided back-up help until Week 11. He led the Saints to a pair of victories at Minnesota and against the Rams. The game winner vs. the Vikes came on a clutch 39-yarder to TE John Tice with only :50 seconds remaining and a 43-yard TD toss to Eric Martin broke open the Rams game.

Notebook

The Cajun (a Louisiana descendant of Nova Scotia) from Cut Off, Louisiana (50 miles from New Orleans) will be calling the signals for a pro team outside of the bayou for the first time in his NFL career after signing a three-year deal with the Falcons on the heels of the new free agency system. The heated NFC West rivalry between the Saints and the Falcons takes on even more intensity as the clubs switched quarterbacks in the offseason, with Wade Wilson going to the Crescent City and Hebert coming to Atlanta. Because of his background Bobby had to live with the built-in pressure of playing for a team in his home state. Dubbed the "*Cajun Cannon*" while throwing strikes to Anthony Carter for the Michigan Panthers, Hebert had to change his style of airing it out when he came into the NFL to conform to the short passing game emphasized by the Saints. He has always been known by his teammates as a "*tough competitor and a fearless leader*." In a 1989 game against Tampa Bay, he had three of his front teeth knocked out. *BUT*, he just stuffed a wad of cotton in his mouth and returned with his bloody jersey. The year before in '87 he played most of the season with a knee so bad that it had to be drained before every contest and shot up with cortisone. *BUT*, he didn't miss a start (excluding three replacement games). **He has survived eight concussions, six broken ribs, four knee operations, and a shoulder injury** to register 75 NFL starts out of 77 games played. The strong-armed leader rewarded his offensive linemen last year by buying them all black NFL leather jackets as thanks for their blocking exploits for him in '92. Wherever he's been, he's always been a popular presence in the locker room. When he didn't play all of the 1990 season because of a contract dispute, his Saints teammates still thought he was part of the team so much that they invited him to their Christmas party.

Personal/College

Born on August 19, 1960 in Baton Rouge, LA, Bobby Joseph, Jr. led South Lafourche (LA) High School to the quad-4A state championship in 1977 from his quarterback position with a 12-3 record. Hebert went on to Northwestern (LA) State University in Natchitoches, setting a school record with 364 passing yards versus Texas-Arlington in a 1980 game, throwing to *Mark Duper* (Dolphins). He also rushed for 101 yards in that same game in a backfield that featured Joe Delaney (Chiefs). His 98-yard bomb is still the second longest in school history as he garnered second team Division I-AA All-America honors behind Neil Lomax (Cardinals) of Portland State. He hails from a college that also produced NFLers like John Stephens (Packers), Gary Reasons (Giants), and Floyd Turner (Saints), not to mention former players Jackie Smith (Cardinals), Sidney Thorton (Steelers) and Al Dodd (Saints, Falcons). Bobby juggled a wife, a daughter, and a football career while at Northwestern. As the story goes, it took the star cheerleader six weeks to agree to go out with the star quarterback. And nine months after that first date, Bobby and Teresa, were married. Money was such a problem in college in the Hebert household that they once were forced to live off food stamps for four months. Instead of waiting for the NFL draft in '83, he signed with the USFL (\$150,000) so he could put food on the table. Bobby grew up a big NFL fan watching the Saints play at old Tulane Stadium. He and his wife Teresa, who helps out with his community affairs, have two daughters, Ryan (8-19-82) and Cammy (3-17-86), and a pair of sons, Bobby Joseph III (2-9-89) and Bo Daniel (3-12-92). Hebert has been a winner at every level in high school, college, and in the pros (see graphic below).

Hebert's Career Highlights

- Impressive 49-26 (65%) record as Saints starting Quarterback since '85 and is the all time career completion percentage leader in team history at 58.5%.
- Passed for a career-high 3,287 yards last year and has thrown for over 2,500 yards three times in his career. The 3,287 yards were the most by a Saints QB since Archie Manning in 1980.
- Threw for 355 yards against Phoenix and three touchdowns, while completing 78.9% of his passes (15-19) against Detroit, in season highs in '92.
- Returned after sitting out the entire '90 season and hit 60.1% of his passes, the 5th best mark in team history, in **leading the Saints to NFC Western Division Championship for the first time EVER in team history in '91.**
- Guided the Saints to their **best record EVER** in team history at 12-3 in 1987 and **first EVER berth in Playoffs in 21 year history of franchise.**
- Winning career in USFL included appearances in two Championship games, capturing the Title in 1983 with the Michigan Panthers.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yds	Long	TD	Int.	Rate
1985	Saints	6-6	181	97	54.0	1208	76	5	4	74.89
1986	Saints	4-3	79	41	52.0	498	84	2	8	37.93
1987	Saints	12-12	294	164	56.0	2119	67	15	9	83.03
1988	Saints	16-16	478	280	59.0	3156	40	20	15	79.63
1989	Saints	14-13	353	222	63.0	2686	54	15	15	82.75
1991	Saints	9-9	248	149	60.0	1676	65	9	8	78.90
1992	Saints	16-16	422	249	59.0	3291	72	19	16	82.96
Totals:		77-75	2055	1202	58.0	14634	84	85	75	78.67
Playoff Totals:										
1987	Saints	1-1	19	9	47.4	84	25	1	2	33.69
1991	Saints	1-1	44	26	59.1	273	26	1	2	65.82
1992	Saints	1-1	39	23	59.0	291	35	1	3	58.84
Totals:		3-3	102	58	56.9	648	35	3	7	57.18

Herbert's Personal Bests

Attempts

(26 games - 30 or more)

2 Playoffs - 30 or more

49 vs. SF (10-8-89)

44 vs. Atl (12-28-91-P1.)

40 vs. SF (9-27-92)

39 at Cards (12-8-85)

39 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

37 Three Times

Completions

(15 games - 20 or more)

2 Playoffs - 20 or more

31 vs. SF (10-8-89)

28 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

27 vs. TB (10-20-91)

26 vs. Chic (10-27-91)

25 vs. SF (9-27-92)

23 vs. Four Times

Gross Yards

(10 games over 275)

355 at Phx (10-18-92)

320 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

308 vs. SF (10-8-89)

301 at SF (11-15-92)

291 vs. Chic (10-27-91)

282 at Det (9-18-88)

282 at GB (9-17-89)

281 vs. Jets (10-15-89)

Percentage

.870 20-23 vs. Denv (11-20-88)

.842 16-19 vs. Dall (9-10-89)

.789 15-19 at Det (10-4-92)

.741 20-27 at Atl (9-11-88)

.731 19-26 at Phx (10-18-92)

.727 16-22 at Seat (10-16-88)

.719 23-32 at GB (9-17-89)

.719 23-32 at Det (9-18-88)

.718 28-39 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

.710 22-31 vs. SF (9-4-88)

.704 19-27 at KC (9-8-91)

.696 16-23 at GB (12-27-87)

.692 27-39 vs. Chic (10-27-91)

Touchdowns

4 vs. SF (9-4-88)

3 Seven Times, Last time

at New Eng (11-8-92)

Net Yards

(8 games over 270)

349 at Phx (10-18-92)

314 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

299 vs. SF (10-8-89)

293 at SF (11-15-92)

282 at Det (9-18-88)

282 at GB (9-17-89)

276 vs. Jets (10-15-89)

272 at Wash (11-6-89)

Long

84 vs. GB (9-14-86)

761 vs. SF (12-15-85)

781 vs. GB (9-14-86)

721 vs. Chic (9-13-92)

67 vs. TB (12-6-87)

651 vs. Chic (10-27-91)

591 vs. Phx (10-18-92)

541 vs. Hous (12-13-87)

541 vs. Rams (10-22-89)

531 vs. Jets (10-15-89)

521 vs. Chic (9-13-92)

52 vs. Raid (12-16-91)

501 vs. Seat (9-1-91)

Most Interceptions

4 at Atl (11-19-89)

4 at Minn (12-21-86)

3 Five Times, Last vs. Eagles

(1-3-92)

Fewest Interceptions

0 (25 Times, 7 in '92)

Most Times Sacked

6-61 at GB (11-17-85)

5-48 vs. SF (9-4-88)

5-45 vs. Giants (11-27-88)

5-40 vs. SF (12-15-85)

Other Statistics

Caught 4 passes for eight yards.

Scored TD RECEIVING in first NFL

game (11-17-85 at GB) before throwing

TD in second NFL game (11-24-85 at

Minn).

Ran the ball 142 times for 452 yards.

Has fumbled 25 times in career (only

twice in '92).

Hebert's Winning Hand

- Won Louisiana State 4A High School Title for South Lafourche in 1977.
- Won the most games in a single season by a Northwestern (LA) State QB (8-3 record in '80) in 14 years.
- Won USFL Championship in '83.
- Won USFL MVP Award in '83.
- Won USFL Western Conference Championship in '85 (advancing to Championship game).
- Won first ever winning season for Saints in team history in '87.
- Won franchise record 12 games for Saints in '92 & '87.
- Won first ever NFC Western Division title for Saints in '91.
- Won more games than any other Saints starting QB (49) in club history.

DREW HILL



Georgia Tech
15th Year
Ht: 5'9" Wt: 172
Born: 10-5-56

Acquisition: Re-signed as
Unrestricted Free Agent, 4-16-93

WIDE
RECEIVER

85



Last Season

The Falcons Red Gun offense received an added boost when Drew Hill decided to return for another year after contemplating retirement following the '92 season. **Hill enters his 15th NFL season as the 10th all time leading receiver in League history with 600 career receptions.** In his first season in a Falcons uniform last year, Drew caught 60 passes for 623 yards, with three touchdowns. *It marked the 4th straight time and 7th in the last eight that he has snagged 60 or more passes in a season.* An eight catch day for 107 receiving yards in the season finale at Los Angeles marked his best game of the year. He also hauled in nine receptions for 84 yards against Dallas, eight passes for 83 yards at Chicago, seven aerals for 57 yards at Miami and six catches for 45 yards versus the Saints.

Pro Career

Besides his 600 receptions, Drew's 9,447 receiving yards put him in the top 10 all time and his 12,953 combined yards are good enough for 14th all-time in the NFL history

books. He added another 100-yard receiving game last year to run his **lifetime total to 28** with a 107 day at Los Angeles in the final week of the season. Hill upped his touchdown tally to 61 with three scores a year ago. He's gotten better with age *accumulating only 60 receptions in his first six years with the Rams, but 540 in the last seven seasons.* Drew left Houston as the team leader surpassing Charley Hennigan with 480 career catches and ahead of Ken Burrough with 7,477 yards. With his 1,109 receiving yards in '91, he became the **only player in NFL history** to register four 1,000 yard seasons after turning 30 years old. Hill also teamed with James Lofton as the oldest players to **EVER** record 1,000 yards in a season. His career began on a high note and was a precursor of things to come as he **returned the first kickoff ever at Anaheim Stadium back 98 yards for a score.** He returned to the site of his first pro glory and recorded the 28th, 100-yard receiving game of his career at Anaheim Stadium on the last week of the season in '92. While with the Rams, **he led the NFL in average per catch at 27.9 in '84** and posted a League-best 60 kickoff returns in '81, **a record that still stands today.**

Year-by-Year

1991: He finished *3rd in the NFL* with 90 catches and 6th on League charts with his 1,109 yards in his final campaign in Houston. He and Haywood Jeffires totaled the most receptions by a pair of wide receivers from the same club in League history with 190. A 144-yard effort on a career-high 11 catches vs. the Browns and a 129-yard day vs. the Bengals notched two more 100-yard games to his career ledger. He closed out his tenure with the Oilers by ending as the club's second leading receiver in the post season with 11 grabs for 98 yards and a score.

1990: He set a then career-best with 74 catches, tying him with teammate Haywood Jeffires for the **AFC lead**, while totalling 1,109 yards (fourth time in career) through the air, third in AFC, in garnering a trip to the **Pro Bowl**. He matched his personal-best with 10 catches vs. the Colts on 123 yards and ended up with 5 TD's for the year. He had his 25th 100-yard receiving day of his career with a 102-yard effort on Monday Night vs. Bills, and caught his 50th NFL TD at San Diego.

1989: Drew led the club in receiving yards for the fifth time with 938 and receptions with 66. He recorded a season-high nine aeriels for 101 yards and a score in a 35-31 win over Detroit. His diving 27-yard TD in a snowstorm made the highlight films in a 23-16 defeat of the Steelers. He saw action in 14 games, marking the first time since '83 that he did not play in all 16 non-strike games, because of a back injury.

1988: Hill paced the Oilers with 1,141 receiving yards and caught 72 passes (*2nd in AFC*) to earn his first **Pro Bowl** nod, but was unable to attend due to a chip fracture in his neck. The New England 1776 Club Player of the Year combined with Ernest Givens for the second straight year for most receiving yards (2,117) by a duo in the NFL. He tied or led the team in receptions 10 times during the year. His personal-best of 3 TD's against the Redskins (9 for season-best 148 yards) were the most by an Oiler in seven seasons and was his fourth multi-TD game of his career, as he won the AFC Offensive Player of the Week award.

1987: Starting all 12 non-strike games, he was the club leader with his 989 yards on 49 grabs. In the final eight games of the season, he registered an **NFL-high six 100-yard contests**. His 20.2 per catch average was 4th in the NFL. He helped the Oilers clinch a playoff berth with a 109-yard, six-catch effort in a 21-17 win over the Bengals. He topped the team's playoff charts with 177 yards on 11 catches in a pair of post season contests.

1986: Hauled in a team-high 65 catches, 1,112 yards and 5 TD's on the year. His 81-yard TD snare was a career-long vs. Detroit, and he also had a 185 yard vs. Cincinnati.

1985: In his first season in a Houston uniform, he started every game and caught more balls than his previous five in LA. He had 64 receptions for 1,169 (18.3 avg.), with a club-high nine scores. The yardage total was the fifth best in Oiler history. Drew finished his initial AFC campaign by catching nine passes for 210 yards (4th-highest output) with four TD's against the Colts in the season finale.

1984: He managed to start all 16 games, but logged time at the position with Ron Brown. He closed out the season with **27.9 yards** a catch to **pace the League**. Hill also returned 26 kicks for 543 yards to establish a **team mark for career KOR's** (171) and KOR yards (3,348).

1983: He went on IR for the entire year with a herniated disk.

1982: He had seven receptions for 92 yards in a strike-shortened season.

1981: Drew established an **NFL record** by returning **60 kickoffs** for a Rams best of 1,170 yards. In 11 starts, he had 16 catches for 355 yards, a 22.2 avg., and three TD's.

1980: Hill put his name in the record book for running back the first ever kickoff at Anaheim Stadium 98 yards for a touchdown. He finished with 19 catches for 416 yards, including a 74-yard score vs. Falcons.

1979: During his rookie season, he played in **Super Bowl XIV** against the Steelers and snared a 28-yard pass. He was used mainly as a kick returner (40-803) but did grab four throws for 94 yards, including his first NFL TD from Pat Haden.

Notebook

Drew is the **SECOND** leading **ACTIVE** receiver behind only Jerry Rice (610) in catches and **THIRD ACTIVE** player in terms of yards to Rice (10,273) and James Lofton (13,821) entering 1993. When Hill signed the biggest signing bonus ever in the history of the now-defunct Plan B free agency system, he relayed his intentions to retire after the '92 season. But after some coaxing from Assistant Head Coach June Jones during the off-season, he decided to play another year. With another 60+ reception season, Drew can move up the all time ladder into the top half-dozen to ever play the game as Ozzie Newsome stands at No. 5 with 662 catches (and Rice begins the year at 610). Although his streak of 77 straight games with at least one catch was stopped in Week 2 at Washington in '92, Hill begins his 15th season with **at least a grab in 90 of his last 92 games played**. Hill's professionalism and years of experience in a run-and-shoot offense have provided measuring sticks for the other Falcons receivers in his

short time in Atlanta. Needless to say, because of these qualities Falcon coaches were happy to see him return to the team for '93.

College

The local product decided to stay in the area and attend Georgia Tech. He caught 56 passes for the 'Ramblin Wreck' and **led the nation** with a 30.0 average on 19 kickoffs (for 570 yards and two TD's) as a senior. Besides the impressive return average, Hill grabbed 36 passes for 706 yards (19.6) and four scores during his last season as a Yellow Jacket to catch the eyes of NFL scouts. His career 28.1 KOR average (84-2361) is still one of the top marks in Tech history.

Personal

Andrew Hill is a Georgia favorite having starred at nearby Newnan High (down I-85 south of Atlanta) in football, basketball, track and baseball. He went on to have a stellar career at Georgia Tech before moving on to the pros. He recently spent time in the off-season constructing a house in Atlanta after several years of owning a condo. Hill gets in shape for training camp by playing basketball with many of his Falcons teammates. He loves to collect cars, with a black *Ferrari* as his latest prized possession, and holds an Industrial Management degree at Georgia Tech. Drew also keeps busy with his *Subway* sandwich shop and real estate investments.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	Receiving						Kickoff Returns				
		GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1979	Rams	16/4	4	94	23.5	43	1	40	803	20.1	39	0
1980	Rams	16/16	19	416	21.9	74t	2	43	880	20.5	98t	1
1981	Rams	16/11	16	355	22.2	45	3	60*	1170	19.5	50	0
1982	Rams	9/2	7	92	13.1	23	0	2	42	21.0	24	0
1983	Rams	INJURED RESERVE										
1984	Rams	16/16	14	390	27.9	68	4	26	543	20.9	40	0
1985	Houston	16/16	64	1169	18.3	57	9	1	22	22.0	22	0
1986	Houston	16/16	65	1112	17.1	81t	5	0	0	0	0	0
1987	Houston	12/12	49	989	20.2	52t	6	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Houston	16/16	72	1141	15.8	57t	10	0	0	0	0	0
1989	Houston	14/12	66	938	14.2	50	8	0	0	0	0	0
1990	Houston	16/16	74	1019	13.8	57	5	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Houston	16/16	90	1109	12.3	61t	4	0	0	0	0	0
1992	Atlanta	16/14	60	623	10.4	26	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		195/167	600	9447	15.7	81t	60	172	3460	20.1	98t	1
* NFL Record												
Playoffs Totals:												
1991		13/10	39	541	13.9	32	0	5	110	22.0	27	0

Hill's Personal Bests

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
11 Clev. (11-17-91)	210 at Ind. (12-22-85)	81t at Det. (10-5-86)	3 Wash (10-30-88)
10 Ind. (9-23-90)	185 Cinn. (11-9-86)	74t at Atl. (10-26-80)	2 at Ind (12-22-85)
Clev. (12-23-89)	152 at Pitt. (9-16-84)	68 at Pitt. (9-16-84)	at Ind (11-29-87)
Cinn. (11-9-86)	148 Wash. (10-30-88)	61t Cinn. (10-27-90)	Pit (12-20-87)
9 at Ind (12-22-85)	144 at Clev (11-17-90)	57t at Seat. (11-13-88)	Clev. (12-23-89)
Wash. (10-30-88)	141 Clev. (12-23-89)		
Dall. (11-24-88)	139 at Seat. (11-13-88)		
Det (11-5-89)	138 Raid (10-26-86)		
Dall. (12-21-92)	134 at Ind (11-29-87)		

Additional Stats

Punt Returns: 3 for 22 yards, 7.3 average, long 12

100-Yard Games (28 Total)

Date	Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
9/28/80	at N.Y. Giants	2	109	54.5	60	0
10/26/80	at Atlanta	3	117	39.0	74t	1
9/16/84	at Pittsburgh	4	152	38.0	68	1
10/27/85	at St. Louis	6	132	22.0	37t	1
12/1/85	at Cincinnati	7	129	18.4	46	0
12/8/85	N.Y. GIANTS	6	103	17.2	47	0
12/22/85	at Indianapolis	9	210	23.3	40t	2
10/26/86	L.A. RAIDERS	7	138	19.7	46	0
11/9/86	CINCINNATI	10	185	18.5	45	0
12/21/86	BUFFALO	5	114	22.8	35	0
11/8/87	at San Francisco	4	101	25.3	48	0
11/15/87	at Pittsburgh	4	107	26.8	46	1
11/29/87	at Indianapolis	7	134	19.1	40	2
12/13/87	at New Orleans	4	102	25.5	50	0
12/20/87	PITTSBURGH	4	109	27.3	52	2
12/27/87	CINCINNATI	6	109	18.2	27	0
10/30/88	WASHINGTON	9	148	16.4	33t	3
11/13/88	at Seattle	8	139	17.4	57t	1
11/20/88	PHOENIX	5	100	20.0	50t	1
11/24/88	at Dallas	9	113	12.6	25	1
10/15/89	at Chicago	5	128	25.6	47	1
11/5/89	DETROIT	9	101	11.2	25	1
12/23/89	CLEVELAND	10	141	14.1	37	2
9/23/90	INDIANAPOLIS	10	123	12.3	23	0
11/26/90	BUFFALO	6	102	17.0	43	0
11/17/90	Cleveland	11	144	13.1	40t	1
10/27/90	Cincinnati	6	129	21.5	61t	1
12/27/92	at L.A. Rams	8	107	13.4	43	0

CHRIS HINTON



Northwestern
11th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 305
Born: 7-31-61

Acquisition: Trade with
Colts, April 20, 1990

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TACKLE

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Last Season

For the second straight year, big Chris started every contest at right tackle, despite playing on an injured right knee that was arthroscoped on Jan. 6. With his huge presence on the front line, the **Falcons were able to establish club marks in the Red Gun offense like most completions (336), most TD passes (33), and most first downs passing (194).** The 33 touchdowns through the air was the best total in the NFL and the unit was also second all time on team's ledgers with 3,635 yards passing. Hinton opened up holes for: Tony Smith's long run of the season of 32 yards, Michael Haynes' club record 89-yard TD catch and two 100-yard games, Andre Rison's three TD affair, Chris Miller's 351-yard passing day with a personal-best four scores, and Wade Wilson's 374-yard passing effort with 31 completions and three TD's. He helped the birds register the 9th best TD % inside the 20 in the NFL in '92. Through his blocking exploits, **Atlanta is the only team in the League to throw for 30 or more TD passes in each of the last two seasons.**

Pro Career

He has suited up for the starting bell in 32 consecutive games and 44 out of a possible 48 as a Falcon. He hasn't missed a starting assignment since Week 5 of the 1990 campaign (injured calf in preseason). He moved his NFL games played totals to 142 with last year's results. Chris was voted to his **7th Pro Bowl** after the '91 season at right tackle. After selections at right guard and left tackle, the **three different Pro Bowl positions were an NFL first.** The mammoth 6-4, 300 pounder was something special in his initial pro season when he was the first rookie ever to be named to the Pro Bowl in 1983. During the Falcons' playoff season of '91, he was part of a line that allowed only a team record 31 QB sacks in 531 attempts or one every 17 passes. He bulldozed a path for the 5th highest scoring team in the League (with 361 points) that year and 8th-best club in Total Offense. In a Colts uniform he was part of a line that boasted the highest per rush average in the last 10 seasons with a 5.0 slate. He has now played both guard and tackle positions in his career.

Notebook

The typically tough competitor played on a bad right knee for most of the '92 season. Considering the Falcons were out of the playoff picture at the end of the year, he could have decided to rest the knee. But true to his form he wouldn't allow himself to be pulled from the starting lineup. Like all linemen playing in the rugged NFL trenches, Chris has experienced his share of injuries. A fractured fibula in the fifth game of the 1984 season as a Colt stopped his streak of 21 straight starts to begin his career. A preseason calf injury delayed his debut with the Falcons until Week 6 in 1990. Hinton has been a victim of his own success as he has played for three different NFL teams. A few days after selecting him with the fourth overall choice, the Denver Broncos shipped his rights to the Colts (and QB Mark Hermann) for the overall #1 pick, which the Broncos drafted QB John Elway. He and Andre Rison were coveted by the Falcons so much that they traded for them in '90 in exchange for the #1 overall choice which turned out to be QB Jeff George. Chris was the highest paid offensive lineman in '90 after signing a new four year contract. With three more starts to begin the '93 season, he will break his own personal streak of 34 straight starts, which he set from 1986-89.

Honors

1991: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (7th)
1990: Pro Bowl 1st alternate at RT
 Honorable Mention AP All-Pro
1989: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (6th)
 UPI all-AFC (2nd team)
 PFW all-AFC (1st team)
1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
 UPI all-AFC (2nd team)
1987: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (4th)
 Sporting News all-NFL
 Pro Football Weekly all-AFC

1986: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3rd)
 UPI all-AFC (1st team)
 Football News all-NFL
1985: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (2nd)
 AP all-NFL (2nd team)
 UPI all-AFC (1st team)
 NEA all-NFL (2nd team)
1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (1st)
 UPI all-NFL rookie
 Football Digest all-NFL rookie
 Pro Football Writers all-NFL
 rookie

College

An academic-minded Hinton decided to forego other Big Ten offers and attend Northwestern because of the educational opportunities. Chris played three different positions with the Wildcats and began his collegiate career as an outside linebacker. After six starts and 46 tackles as a freshman, he was switched to TE in his seventh game as a sophomore. He won the starting job a year later and caught 19 passes for 265 yards, including an 83-yard afternoon against nemesis Michigan. New Vikings Head Coach Dennis Green moved him to left tackle in the spring of his senior season. "After my years with the 49ers I knew what was needed to be a left tackle in the pros and Chris was a classic," said Coach Dennis Green. Despite being an All-America and All-Big Ten selection, Green had to call in some favors to get Chris invited to the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl all-star games. Scouts took notice of the team MVP from there and he was taken fourth overall in the draft, ahead of such names as Dan Marino, Jim Kelly and Ken

O'Brien, and behind Elway, Eric Dickerson and Curt Warner. He earned his college degree in Sociology.

Personal

Chris' football career had an inauspicious beginning when he quit his high school football team because of the troubles at the inner city Chicago school. Students now have to pass through metal detectors to get to class. But his coach and principal talked him back on the field and with the new direction his career took off. An excellent athlete and student at Wendell Phillips High, he earned All-America, All-state and All-city honors in football, as well as competing in basketball, track and wrestling. His school made such an impression on him that he returned to give the commencement speech to the class of 1990 entitled, "Don't Be Afraid to Dream." Hinton's nomination for teacher of the month, Leroy Lovelace, won the NFL award for November of '90. Big Chris is a big contributor to the Atlanta community with his children's hospital visits. He also spearheaded a fund raiser for the Mike Utley Foundation's Thumbs Up Program, along with his offensive line cohorts, with an autographed session and for the Association for Retarded Citizens in Cobb County. A popular speaker, he brings his "stay-in-school" message to Atlanta, relating his memories growing up on the tough streets of Chicago. His wife Carole is very active in the Falcons Wives Association and the couple resides with their two-year-old daughter, Caris, and a pair of golden retrievers, Sophia and Harpo, in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 142/137 (3/3): 1983 (16/15), 1984 (6/6), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/2) (1/1), 1988 (14/14), 1989 (14/14), 1990 (16/12), 1991 (16/16) (2/2), 1992 (16/16)



PIERCE HOLT



Angelo State
6th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 275
Born: 1-1-62

Acquisition: Restricted Free Agent Offer Sheet as Transition Player, Signed 3/17/93, 49ers did not match by 3/24 deadline.

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Last Season

The Falcons' aggressive and bold 1993 free agent campaign landed **one of the NFL's best defensive linemen** when they inked Pierce Holt to a three year guaranteed offer sheet that the 49ers did not match. Under the League's new system, Holt was a veteran of five or more accrued seasons who was named a "transition" player by the Niners, who therefore had the right of first refusal on any offer. The birds immediately addressed their needs to improve upon their #28 defensive ranking in '92 by **being the first NFL club to acquire one of the top three coveted players** (Reggie White, Tim McDonald) **available in the NFL's new system of free agency**. Holt's relentless pursuit is his strongest suit and will be a perfect fit in the Falcons "Black Wave" defense that stresses all 11 players to the ball carrier. In San Francisco, Pierce lined up over opposing guards 75% of the time, but in Atlanta he is expected to freelance along the line to take advantage of his pass rushing skills. *"With the 49ers, the scheme was read-and-react,"* he explained. *"I prefer to attack and react, and I get that opportunity here."* Holt was voted as a **Pro Bowl starter** last year by his peers around the League who recognized his overall play in the interior. *The USA Today All-Pro* and *Pro Football Weekly All-NFC* selection totaled 41 solo stops and a career-high 55 tackles in '92. He also collared 5.5 QB sacks for an eye opening 40.5 yards in losses. Pierce's season of big games included a seven tackle, one QB sack (for a minus seven yards), and forced fumble day against the powerful Bills. His other top outings came vs. the Bucs with eight tackles and a sack, vs. Patriots with six stops and a sack, and vs. Rams with five tackles and half a sack. In the '92 post season, he was the team leader, posting three sacks for minus 20 yards. In the Divisional playoff game against the Redskins, he collared four tackles and all three of his sacks on QB Mark Rypien to help the Niners advance. The NFC Championship game saw him receive credit for three tackles versus the Cowboys.

Pro Career

During his five years in the NFL, Pierce has been one of the League's most dominating players. Through his outstanding play, he earned the first fully guaranteed contract ever given to a defensive player in the NFL. He had been the anchor of a defense that helped the Niners

capture **two Super Bowl crowns** (1988-89) and three NFC Western Division titles. With his relentless presence in the lineup, the 49ers were yearly in the top 10 in most statistical categories. Pierce built himself up from *All-NFL rookie* status to Pro Bowl starter in five years. As a rookie, he was part of a unit that finished third in the NFL in total defense, third in rush defense and eighth in pass defense, while holding opponents under 100 yards eight times. Holt has started 54 of his 70 NFL games played with post season appearances four out of his five years. Because of starting college late, he was the oldest player drafted in the '88 class at age 26.

Year-by-Year

1991: He ended up with 44 total tackles, with 35 solos and 9 assists, and 3 sacks, in 13 games. Pierce registered a team high 9 tackles with a sack five yards behind the line at Minnesota but also injured his right knee and missed the Rams and Raiders contests. He returned to the lineup the next week versus Atlanta and recorded five stops. His other top game was a five tackle, one sack effort versus the Bears.

1990: Holt started all 16 games for the first time, finishing with his second best tackle total of his Niner career with 51 stops. A team-best seven solo stops at Cincinnati and a five tackle game at Atlanta were the highlights. He also added a sack and six tackles in post season play.

1989: Pierce tied Charles Haley as the **team sack leader** with 11.5. In his first career start in the opener at Indianapolis he recorded three tackles. He was named *NFC Defensive Player of the Week* by virtue of his four-sack game versus the Giants. He set his then personal high with eight tackles, with an 11-yard sack, at the Jets.

1988: The *All-NFL rookie* was activated off IR (toe) on Oct. 24. His best outing was a two sack game at Phoenix and he had four tackles, one sack for a loss of 10 yards, and a batted ball versus the Raiders.

Notebook

Unlike in previous years, Pierce took an active and personal role in the contract negotiations to become a Falcon. His agents had scheduled visits to Atlanta and the New York Jets, but after Holt met with the Falcons coaches and management he made up his mind he wanted to stay in the South. After arriving on Monday night (March 15) and meeting with Falcons brass on Tuesday, he was booked on a late afternoon flight that day, but he promptly canceled it to remain in Atlanta to work out the details on an offer sheet. Jeff Moorad (agent) flew into town late Tuesday night and the pair hammered out a deal with the Falcons by Wednesday afternoon. When the 49ers failed to match the offer seven days later, Holt became the first Falcon in team history to own a guaranteed contract and at the time of the deal was the *highest paid defensive player in the history of the NFL*. **The birds became the first team in the League to sign a Pro Bowl caliber player to a restricted offer sheet in this new age of free agency.** An even-tempered, southern gentleman off the field, he hasn't changed on the field since his days at Angelo State. He's still "*strong, aggressive, quick and down-right mean*" as the school's 1987

media guide described him as a senior. There's nothing pretentious about this product of Marlin, Texas. He was anxious to *"get back to the South"* and was impressed so much by the serious intentions of the Falcons that he went against the wishes of his agent and told him to call off his visit to the Jets. Coaches Jerry Glanville and Doug Shively have been familiar with Holt's special talents since college when they used to jog around the track at Angelo State and watch him practice while they were at training camp with the Oilers.

Honors

- 1992:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (starter)
All-Pro USA Today
All-NFC Pro Football Weekly
- 1988:** All-NFL rookie

College

An NCAA Division II All-America for two years in 1986-87, Holt accumulated 106 tackles, with 11 sacks, in his last year in a Rams uniform. Included in those totals were 13 tackles for losses and also 18 QB pressures. The **NCAA Division II Defensive Player of the Year** concluded his fine senior campaign with eight games with 10 or more tackles. Pierce was recently named the **Lone Star Conference Defensive Player of the Decade of the 80's**. After playing one semester at Wharton County (Texas) JUCO, he moved on to Angelo State and in his first collegiate game recorded 11 tackles and a QB sack. He attended a Division II school to circumvent the five-year eligibility rule. Holt also hit the books to earn **academic All-America honors** in 1986 and was presented with a degree in history and physical education.

Personal

Holt is a living testament to a work ethic forged in a tiny Texas town that drives his daily life today. He was reared in the farm land and cattle country of Rosenberg, Texas (pop. 17,995), which is 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. His family battled hurricanes, monsoons, and dry spells to make a living off the land. The soft-spoken Holt is a humble individual who won't waste time extolling his own virtues. *"Because of my background, I won't take anything for granted,"* he said. *"I'm certainly very appreciative of the chances I've had."* After holding several odd jobs after high school such as laboring at a car dealership, on a construction crew, as a mortgage company inspector, a newspaper delivery man, a mall Santa Claus, and a farmer, he decided to attend college. He bulked up from a 215 pound high school senior at Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated High School to 250 pounds in three years. The 22-year-old freshman followed his brother Ed's path, who worked himself into a NAIA Little All-America on a national championship team at Austin College after waiting a few years to enter college. The decision was made easier when his wife, Deana, also decided to enroll at Angelo State. By the time he was a senior the couple had two children and his younger teammates referred to him as "Coach Holt." Because of his tireless efforts on the field his college coach, Mike Martin, once described him as *"a big man with a little man's heart."* Pierce grew up a Cowboys fan idolizing Randy White. It's probably no coincidence that Holt carries some very distinct similarities with White, like an

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unrelenting tenacity to get to the ball. *"I saw the intensity that Randy White has when I was in Dallas and Pierce surpasses that,"* said former 49er teammate and good friend Mike Walter. *"Talk about intense. Pierce passes defensive backs and linebackers to get to the ball carrier!"* He still keeps an autographed White photo that was sent to him as a youth. Although his passion for the Cowboys has waned over the years, he did strike up a friendship with Dallas TE Jay Novacek at the Pro Bowl last year. Pierce has a condition called amblyopia (lazy eye) that limits him to 10 percent sight in his left eye. He won the **Pro Football Super Classic XIV Team Arm Wrestling Championships** along with Wesley Walls in Las Vegas in June of '91 going undefeated. He and his wife Deana have three children, daughters Ashley and Lauren Marie, and son Forrest.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR
1988	SF	9/0	15	13	2	5.0/30	0	1
1989	SF	16/11	48	43	5	10.5/85.5	1	1
1990	SF	16/16	51	40	11	5.5/27	0	2
1991	SF	13/11	44	35	9	3.0/12	0	0
1992	SF	16/16	55	41	14	5.5/40.5	1	0
Totals:		70/54	213	172	41	29.5/195	2	4
Playoff Totals:								
1988		3/0	5	4	1	1/7	0	0
1989		3/3	4	4	0	0/0	0	0
1990		2/0	6	6	0	1/9	0	0
1992		2/2	7	5	2	3/20	0	0
Totals:		10/5	22	19	3	5/36	0	0

Holt's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	FF
9 at Minn. (9-15-91) 8 T.B. (12-19-92) 7 Buff. (9-13-92) Cinn. (12-9-90) 5 at L.A. Rams (12-22-92) (4 times-most recent) 4 at Minn. (12-13-92) (4 times-most recent)	4 N.Y. Giants (11-27-89) 3 Wash. (1-9-93) 2 N.O. (11-6-89) at Phx. (11-6-88)	1 (Several times — most recent, Buff. 9-13-92)

MELVIN JENKINS



Cincinnati
7th Year
Ht: 5'10" Wt: 173
Born: 6-16-62

CORNERBACK

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Acquisition: Unrestricted Free
Agent (Lions), March 18, 1993

Last Season

The Falcons locked up a coveted free agent cornerback when they signed Melvin Jenkins to a three year contract. The aggressive, hard-nosed corner was considered the best man-to-man cover guy available and his talents fit right into the birds defensive scheme. For the Lions in '92, he had another outstanding season, finishing fifth on the club in tackles with 72 in 16 starts. He also tied for the **team lead** with four interceptions (for 34 return yards), while **pacing the Detroit secondary** with 15 passes defended, and had both a forced and recovered fumble. Melvin made the most of his fumble recovery as he sped *56 yards for a touchdown* after Marc Spindler blocked a Vikings field goal attempt in Week 2. Another key spot where the Falcons will benefit from the presence of Jenkins is on special teams. The hard hitting performer loves to get after players on 'teams' as evidenced by his **team-leading 11 tackles** for Detroit last year. Atlanta's appreciation for the former CFL star's talents dates back two years ago when the Falcons tried to sign him as a Plan B free agent.

Pro Career

Jenkins broke into the pro's with the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL in 1984. He played 40 games in the 'other' League and finished with 11 thefts, **returning three for scores**. He ran back 49 punts for an 8.8 average and 21 kickoffs for 20.1 mark in his career. He joined the NFL in May of '87 by signing on with the Seahawks. Melvin spent four seasons in Seattle before being heavily courted by several teams during Plan B and switching residences to Detroit. He needs only eight more games played in '93 to reach the century mark for his career. **He's never missed a game during his years in the NFL due to an injury.**

Year-by-Year

1991: In his initial year with the Lions, he was an immediate starter and was credited with being a big reason for the resurgence of the secondary. His 74 solo and 86 total tackles were good enough for fourth (tie) on the squad. He also chipped in with 14 passes defended (second)

and a sack. Melvin tied a career-high with 12 solo tackles and a pass defense against the 49ers. Twelve more tackles, including three others on special teams vs. the Packers followed that effort, which also included three passes defended. He scored his **first NFL touchdown**, turning a Dallas interception into a 41 yard TD return, in the **NFC Divisional playoff game**. He turned in plenty of other big games like vs Miami (seven tackles, two passes defended), vs. Indianapolis (five tackles, three stops on special teams) and vs. Minnesota (six solos).

1990: In 16 games played, he was in on 22 tackles, with an interception and 2 forced fumbles.

1989-87: In three successive years with the Seahawks, he had 50, 74 and 41 tackle seasons, with six pickoffs, two recovered fumbles and 8 forced fumbles. Four of those forced fumbles came in the 1988 campaign. He played on Seattle's last playoff teams in '87, registering 12 tackles and an interception against Houston and a fumble recovery against Cincinnati in '88.

Notebook

Besides bringing solid credentials as a defensive back, Melvin also totes an impressive resume to the table as a special teamer. He led the Lions in tackles for two straight seasons, totaling 34 in his time in Detroit. He proved to be a big contributor in more than a few games. For example, in '91 he nailed a Colt punt returner inside the one yard line, setting up a Lion's safety on the next play. He totaled five special teams tackles and scooped up teammate George Jamison's fumble and ran 15 yards to the Bears' 20 yard line to set up a Detroit field goal in the fourth quarter. In '92, he raced 56 yards for a TD off a blocked field goal attempt versus the Vikings. His CFL highlights included running back an interception *112 yards* for a touchdown against Winnipeg.

Personal/College

His collegiate football career started out in Raymond, Mississippi at Hind's Junior College. Jenkins transferred to the University of Cincinnati for his final two seasons in 1982-83. Melvin hails from Jackson, MS where he was a standout in football, track and soccer at Wingfield High. He and his wife Alice have one son, Melvin, Jr. and a daughter, Melantha.

Jenkin's Personal Bests			
Tackles	Interceptions	Longs	Pass Def
14 at KC (Seattle - '87) at GB (12-15-91) at SF (10-20-91) 9 Chi (11-28-91) Phx (Seattle - '89) 7 NY Jets (12-8-91) (3 times-most recent)	1 Eleven Times	41t Dallas (1-5-92) 34 Denver (12-13-87) 28 Houston (1-3-88) 14 Dallas (11-8-90) 7 Houston (11-26-92).	3 at GB (12-15-91) 2 Miami (9-15-91)

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Int.	Yds.	FF	FR	Spec. Team Tackles
1987	Seattle	12/1	41	3	46	0	0	6
1988	Seattle	16/16	74	3	41	1	4	5
1989	Seattle	16/3	50	0	0	1	2	4
1990	Seattle	16/0	22	1	0	0	2	9
1991	Detroit	16/16	86	0	0	0	2	22
1992	Detroit	16/16	72	4	34	1	1	11
Totals CFL:		40/40	N/A	11	184	5	4	N/A
Totals NFL:		92/52	345	11	121	3	11	57
Combined Pro Totals:		132/92		22	305	8	15	57

NORM JOHNSON



UCLA
12th Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 203
Born: 5-31-60

Acquisition: Unrestricted Free
Agent, September 11, 1991

KICKER

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Last Season

No one could have expected Norm Johnson to match his 1991 achievements, which included setting a Falcons single season record for field goal accuracy and kicking 15 consecutive attempts. But somebody forgot to tell Norm! Last year, he just barely missed breaking his own club mark (by .008) for field goal percentage by booting 18 of 22 attempts for a .818 %, fourth-best in NFL. He was perfect on all of his PAT's (39-39) in accumulating 93 points. In the season opener against the Jets, his season got off to a fine start as he **tied a club record with a 54-yard field goal**. Norm's accurate season included another 54-yarder vs. the Patriots, a 52-yarder at Miami, and a 51-yarder at San Francisco, for a **total of four field goals over 50 yards, which set a new club record**. We found no other NFL kicker to hit 100% over 50 with three or more made in a season. His other long kicks included a pair from 49 yards, a 46-yarder and

a 44-yarder. Johnson's busiest day came against the Rams when he connected for three field goals (49, 26, 37) to aide the Falcons in their come from behind 30-28 victory. His points were also the winning margins vs. both Jets and Cards (20-17 wins).

Pro Career

Noted NFL columnist Will McDonough summed up Johnson's impact in the League since moving over to the NFC on September 11, 1991 when he called Norm... **"The best pickup in the NFL the last two seasons."** He has lived up to that strong billing by missing only four field goals in each of the past two years, while connecting on 37 out of 45 attempts, for a consistent .822 FG accuracy mark. His two-year tenure in Atlanta has also included five field goals from 50 yards & beyond (with a 50-yarder to beat New Orleans in overtime) and **68 consecutive PAT's**. Seattle's all time leader in points with 810, Norm is also in the Seahawks record book for career field goals with 159, attempts with 228, PAT's with 333, attempts with 338, and consecutive PAT's with 165. Boasting a high field goal accuracy mark is nothing new to Johnson because he led the entire AFC in that category in 1984 with a .833 clip. He has 15 career field goals of 50+ yards, including an NFL second best-ever in '86 (and four last season) and has kicked **65 three-pointers of 40 or more yards** through the uprights in his time in the League. Norm has made good on 23 of his last 24 field goals from 40 yards and in, 28 of his last 32 from 45 yards and in.

Pro Career By the Numbers

With 998 career points, Norm will become the 21st player in NFL history to reach 1,000 total points. He could move into the Top 20 with 33 points, catching Bruce Gossett (1,031) and into 19th with 76 points, catching Garo Yepremian (1,074). With 196 career field goals, Norm will become the 19th player in NFL history to make 200 field goals with his fourth in '93. He's 5th in NFL history with 15 field goals of 50 or more yards and needs two more to tie for third all-time with Hall of Famer Jan Stenerud and Eddie Murray. Clutch Norm has made three overtime field goals of 40 or more yards, long of 50, to win games.

Honors

- 1991:** Kicker of the Year, NFLPA
- 1984:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
 - All-NFL (1st team), PFWA, AP, Sporting News
 - Pro Football Weekly
 - All-AFC (1st team), UPI, Pro Football Weekly
 - Golden Toe Award, Pro Football Weekly

College

Norm made an impression on the pro scouts when he booted 14 out of 20 field goals and all 34 PAT tries for the Bruins of UCLA during his senior campaign. His leg strength was particularly evident as he kicked 7 of 11 through the uprights from 40 yards and beyond with a long boot of 49 yards. The Business Economics major made good on 10-14 FG's and 32-33 extra points

as a junior after being the Bruins' designated kickoff man during his freshman and sophomore campaigns.

Notebook/Personal

A three-sport letterwinner at Pacifica High School in his native Garden Grove, Ca., Norman participated in football, baseball and naturally, soccer. Besides performing the kicking responsibilities, he also lined up at tight end. Johnson hails from an athletic family as brother Mitch played at UCLA, while his father, Howard was a football and baseball star in the collegiate ranks. The always active former UCLA product spends his spare time tending to his trading card business named, "All-Pro Trading Cards." He has built the business up to three stores, one in California and two in Washington.

Johnson's Personal Bests

Most FG Attempts

6 vs. K.C. (9-20-87)

Most PAT Attempts

7 at S.D. (9-15-85)

Longest FG Made

54 Four Times

Most FG's, Quarter

3 vs. Raiders (12-18-88)
(2nd quarter)

3 vs. KC (10-8-89)
(2nd quarter)

Most FG Made

5 vs. K.C. (9-20-87)
Raiders (12-18-88)

Most PAT Made

7 at S.D. (9-15-85)

Most Points, Game

19 vs. K.C. (9-20-87)
(5-6 FG, 4-4 PAT)

Consecutive FG's

15 in 1991

11 in 1984

Big Plays

- 1992:** September 6 vs. NY Jets in Atlanta
In 1st game in GA Dome tied club record with 54-yard FG. In 20-17 win, those 3 points ended up the difference
- 1992:** November 29 vs. Patriots
Tied Club and Dome record with 54-yard FG
- 1990:** November 11 at Kansas City
Kicked game-winning PAT after time had expired to win game 17-16
- 1988:** November 13 vs. Houston in Seattle
46-yard FG with 1 second left in regulation, 27-24
- 1983:** November 27 vs. Kansas City in Seattle
42-yard FG to win 51-48 in O.T. Tied game in regulation with 42-yard FG with :02 remaining
- 1982:** November 21 vs. Denver
Throws 27-yard pass off FG fake to holder Jim Zorn

"Clutch" Johnson Overtime Winners

- 1991:** November 25 at New Orleans
50-yard Field Goal with 2:03 remaining (72:57 elapsed)
- 1990:** December 12 vs. Houston in Seattle
42-yard FG
- 1983:** November 27 vs. Kansas City in Seattle
42-yard FG to win 51-48



Career Statistics

Year	Team	Games	PAT	ATT	FG	ATT	FG%	LG	Pts.
1982	Seattle	9	13	14	10	14	71.4	48	43
1983	Seattle	16	49	50	18	25	72.0	54	103
1984	Seattle	16	50	51	20	24	83.3	50	110
1985	Seattle	16	40	41	14	25	56.0	51	82
1986	Seattle	16	42	42	22	35	62.9	54	108
1987	Seattle	13	40	40	15	20	75.0	49	85
1988	Seattle	16	39	39	22	28	78.6	47	105
1989	Seattle	16	27	27	15	25	60.0	50	72
1990	Seattle	16	33	34	23	32	71.9	51	102
1991	Atlanta	14	38	39	19	23	82.6	50	95
1992	Atlanta	16	39	39	18	22	81.8	54	93

NFL Totals: 164 410 416 196 273 71.8 54 998
(98.6%)

Field Goals

Year	Team	G/S	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 +	Total
1982	Seattle	9/0	0-0	3-4	5-6	2-3	0-1	10-14
1983	Seattle	16/0	1-1	4-4	4-7	8-10	1-3	18-25
1984	Seattle	16/0	0-0	9-10	4-4	6-7	1-3	20-24
1985	Seattle	16/0	0-0	5-5	7-9	1-8	1-3	14-25
1986	Seattle	16/0	0-0	6-8	8-9	3-11	5-7	22-35
1987	Seattle	13/0	0-0	7-7	4-7	4-5	0-1	15-20
1988	Seattle	16/0	1-1	4-4	7-9	10-14	0-0	22-28
1989	Seattle	16/0	1-1	6-7	3-4	4-8	1-5	15-25
1990	Seattle	16/0	2-2	7-7	8-14	5-6	1-3	23-32
1991	Atlanta	14/0	0-0	7-7	5-5	6-8	1-3	19-23
1992	Atlanta	16/0	0-0	6-6	4-5	4-7	4-4	18-22

NFL Totals: 164/0 5-5 64-69 59-79 53-87 15-33 196-273

Playoffs

Year	Team	G	PAT's	FG's	LG	Points	Career FG's — Indoors
1983	Seattle	3	9-9	3-4	37	18	112-149 75.2%
1984	Seattle	2	2-2	3-4	44	11	
1987	Seattle	1	2-2	2-2	41	8	
1988	Seattle	1	1-2	0-0	—	1	Career FG's — Outdoors
1991	Atlanta	2	4-4	2-4	44	10	84-123 68.3%

Totals: 9 18-19 10-14 44 48

Tape-Measure Shots

Just as home runs are measured in baseball, field-goal kicks require a distance check, too. Norm's 15 of 50 or more yards are already fifth in NFL history. Here's the tale of the tape:

54	vs. Jets, GA Dome	September 6, 1992
54	vs. Pats, GA Dome	November 29, 1992
54	vs. S.D., Seattle Kingdome	October 6, 1986
54	at Dallas, Texas Stadium	December 4, 1983
53	vs. K.C., Seattle Kingdome	September 14, 1986
53	at Denver, Mile High Stadium	October 26, 1986
53	vs. Raiders, Seattle Kingdome	December 8, 1986
52	at Miami, Joe Robbie Stadium	October 11, 1992
51	vs. Cleveland, Seattle Kingdome	December 8, 1985
51	at Raiders, LA Coliseum	October 12, 1986
51	vs. Cincinnati, Seattle Kingdome	October 1, 1990
51	at S.F., Candlestick Park	October 18, 1992
50	vs. Cleveland, Seattle Kingdome	September 3, 1984
50	at S.D., Jack Murphy Stadium	October 15, 1989
50	at N.O., Louisiana Superdome	November 24, 1991

IMPORTANT NFL DATES

- July 15 Signing period ends at 4 p.m. (ET) for Unrestricted Free Agents to whom June 1 tender was made by old Club. After this date and through 4 p.m. (ET) on Nov. 9, old Club has exclusive rights with its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents.
- Aug. 6 If a drafted rookie has not yet signed with his club by this date, he may not be traded to any other club in 1993.
- Aug. 30 Roster cutdown to maximum of 47 players on Active List by 12 Noon (ET).
- Aug. 31 Beginning at 12 Noon (ET), clubs may establish an inactive list of six additional players either by procedural recall or by signing free agents. Clubs may dress 45 players and a Third Quarterback for each regular season and postseason game.
- Aug. 31 After 4 p.m. (ET) clubs may establish a Practice Squad of five players by signing free agents who do not have a season of free agency credit.
- Sept. 3 All clubs are required to identify their 49-player Active List by 7 p.m. (ET) on this Friday and thereafter on each Friday before a regular-season game (or at 7 p.m. ET two days prior to non-Sunday games). No later than one hour and 15 minutes prior to kickoff, clubs must identify their 45-player Active List and Third Quarterback, if any.
- Oct. 19 All trading ends at 4 p.m. (ET).
- Nov. 9 Deadline for clubs to sign by 4 p.m. (ET) their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom June 1 tender was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 1993.
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- Nov. 9 Deadline for clubs to sign by 4 p.m. (ET) their drafted players. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in the NFL in 1993.
- April 24-25 Annual Player Selection Meeting, Marriott Marquis, New York, N.Y.
- May 23-25 NFL Spring Meeting, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, Miami, Fla.

KEITH JONES



Illinois
5th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 210
Born: 3-20-66

Acquisition: 3rd round, 62nd overall, 1989 Draft

RUNNING
BACK

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Last Season

Keith started eight games, while playing in all 16, in his fourth season in the League. Jones ended up third on the club with 278 yards on 79 rushes for a 3.5 average. He established a personal-high with 87 tough yards on the ground in the victory over the Packers, averaging 5.1 yards per carry. He returned the next week to average 4.6 yards per rush in gaining 55 yards on 12 totes at Miami. A sprained knee in training camp made him miss the entire preseason, but he returned to start the opener, rushing for 41 yards on 11 carries against the Jets in the first-ever regular season game in the new Georgia Dome.

Pro Career

Jones regained his old form last year after having his '91 season shortened due to a neck injury that limited him to five games. He did register a then career-best 74 yards against Kansas City in the season opener before sustaining the neck problem. Keith broke into the League in a big way becoming **only one of five rookies to collect 1,000 all-purpose yards in 1989**. His exceptional rookie campaign also saw the versatile back total over 100 combined yards in five games and score five TD's over a five game span. His '90 season ended up on a high note with a 76-yard kickoff return touchdown to help ruin the Cowboys playoff hopes. A 524 all-purpose sophomore season followed his impressive first year totals. Jones now has over 2,200 career all-purpose yards in the NFL.

Notebook

A multi-talented performer during his time in Atlanta, Keith has had **long plays of 35 yards or more four ways** via: receiving, rushing, passing and kickoff returns. With this all-around penchant, he goes by the nickname of "Robo-Back," after the versatile armored police officer of *Robo Cop* fame. His do-it-all attitude has even been witnessed on special teams as he made 17 tackles in 1990. He's listed as the club's "emergency" quarterback and he showed off his arm strength against the Cardinals in '90, completing a 37-yard pass to Andre Rison. Jones has never been accused of being a big sports junkie as he prefers to do other things with his free

time rather than sit around and watch sports. A pro style offense of former NFL head coach John Mackovic at Illinois helped to prepare Keith for the pros.

College

"Mr. Everything" at Illinois, a busy Keith finished third on the school's rushing charts with 2,106 yards, sixth on the receiving list with 93 catches and third on the return ledger with 49 for 1,070 yards. Besides his passing exploits, he also got in the punting act with three kicks and a 37.7 average. The second team All-Big Ten selection notched the third-best rushing season in school history as a senior with 1,108 yards and 10 TD's. He also grabbed a team and career-high 46 passes in his last year in Champaign, IL. Keith's best college games were a 186-yard rushing day vs. Utah, a 13-catch 119-yard receiving contest vs. Michigan State and a 111-yard return game vs. Iowa. He was voted MVP as a sophomore when he paced the conference (and was 5th in the country) in kickoffs with an average of 26.5 and recorded long rushes of 64, 54 and 53 yards and return longs of 61 and 50 yards.

Personal

Keith is from a Midwestern family that consists of a sister Donna and three brothers, Terry, Tony and Patrick. They grew up in Rock Hills, Missouri just outside of St. Louis. At Webster Groves High, he competed in football, track and basketball, while garnering St. Louis Player of the Year honors as a tailback. The All-American back gained 1,507 yards, with 20 TD's, during his final season in a prep uniform. The heavily recruited runner spurned offers from football powers Nebraska and Iowa to attend Illinois. A self-proclaimed outdoorsman, Jones loves to fish and will take his tackle and bait box to any lake whenever he can. His other love is his 1967 candy-apple red Camaro.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Rushing					Receiving					KOR					Tot. Yds.
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
1989	14/9	52	202	3.9	19	6	41	396	9.7	46	0	23	440	19.1	29	0	1,038
1990	15/10	49	185	3.8	22	0	13	103	7.9	16	0	8	236	29.5	76	1	524
1991	5/3	35	126	3.6	14	0	6	58	9.7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	184
1992	16/8	79	278	3.5	26	0	12	94	7.8	15	0	2	33	9	24	0	405

Totals:

50/30 215 791 3.7 26 6 72 651 9.0 46 0 33 709 21.5 76 1 2,151

Playoff Totals: 1991(1R)

Passing

Year	Att.	Comp.	Comp %	Yards	LG
1990	1	1	100	37	37 (to Rison, vs. Phoenix (12-9-90))

Jones' Personal Bests

No.	Yards	Long	TD
RUSHING			
18 at KC (9-1-91)	86 G.B. (10-4-92)	26 G.B. (10-4-92)	2 Buff (11-5-89)
17 G.B. (10-4-92)	74 at KC (9-1-91)	22 at TB (12-2-90)	1 Four times
12 at Mia (10-11-92)	55 at Mia (10-11-92)	19 Det (12-24-89)	
11 Jets (9-6-92)	41 Jets (9-6-92)	15 Jets (9-6-92)	
Bills (11-5-89)	T.B. (12-24-89)		
RECEIVING			
8 at Phoe (10-22-89)	66 N.E. (10-15-89)	46 N.E. (10-15-89)	
7 Det (12-24-89)	61 at Rams (10-8-89)	22 at Rams (10-8-89)	
5 at Min (12-10-89)	57 at Phoe (10-22-89)	20 Wash (12-17-89)	
4 at Rams (10-8-89)	50 Bills (11-5-89)	19 Bills (11-5-89)	
KO RETURNS			
4 at S.F. (10-18-92)	81 at SF (10-18-92)	76t Dall (12-30-90)	1 Dall (12-30-90)
Cowboys (9-17-89)	77 N.E. (10-15-89)	33 at S.F. (9-23-90)	
at Minn (12-10-89)	76 Dall (12-30-90)	29 at S.F. (10-18-92)	
		29 N.E. (10-15-89)	
COMBINED 100-YARD GAMES			
149 N.E. (10-15-89) — 6 rush, 66 rec., 77 ret.			
123 at Min (12-10-89) — 21 rush, 37 rec., 65 ret.			
114 LA Rams (10-8-89) — 7 rush, 61 rec., 46 ret.			
105 Buffalo (11-5-89) — 83 rush, 17 rec., 23 ret.			
101 at Phoenix (10-22-89) — 22 rush, 57 rec., 22 ret.			

Flight of the Falcon

Back in 1965, the newly awarded Atlanta franchise of the NFL was in need of a club nickname. The club received thousands of entries. A total of forty people submitted the name of the "Falcons," but Miss Julia Elliott, a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, was singled out as the winner. Her description of a Falcon proved to be the deciding factor. According to Julia, "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and flight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." Despite the sadness of Miss Elliott's passing away in 1990, the Atlanta Falcons Football Club will forever hold fond memories of Julia as the one who gave the club its nickname.

TONY JONES



Texas
4th Year
Ht: 5'7" Wt: 148
Born: 12-30-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
April 1, 1992

WIDE
RECEIVER

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Last Season

Tony started the first four games in the Falcons four wide receiver Red Gun offense before an injured ankle in the Packers contest forced him onto the Injured Reserve list for two weeks for games at Miami and San Francisco. Jones returned for a Week 9 encounter versus the Rams and played in five more games the rest of the season for a total of 11 games played. Another ankle injury shelved him on IR for the final game of the year at Los Angeles. He finished with 14 receptions for 138 yards and one touchdown. His best game was a three catch, 41-yard affair at Chicago in Week 4, including a 23-yard touchdown. Tony had two other 3-catch games against the Jets and Saints. In addition, he scored the second Falcons touchdown ever in the first game at the new Georgia Dome with a 30-yard score off a wide receiver screen against the Eagles.

Pro Career

He broke into the League in 1990 with 30 catches for 409 yards and a 13.9 average in 15 games to finish sixth among the talented Oilers receiving corps. He scored six times in his initial pro season, including his first NFL TD on a 15-yard grab at Fulton County Stadium in his first pro game. Tony tallied 19 receptions for 251 yards in his second year in Houston, with a 68-yard TD, for a two year total of 49 for 660 yards and eight TD's. A five-catch day against the Browns as a rookie is still his personal best en route to his 63 career catches. His longest play is a 68-yard TD against his AFC rival Bengals.

Notebook

One of the fastest players in the NFL, Tony will put his 4.27 speed in the 40 against anybody in the open field. With he, Haynes (4.34), Rison (4.41) and Pritchard (4.40), the fleet-footed receiver quartet could start their own track relay team. Jones actually has a running background as a member of Texas' track team which participated in the NCAA Championships. Tony was second in 200 meters at the SWC conference finals and an NCAA qualifier at the 200 and 100 meter distance. He ran against some of the NFL's best in the 1990 "Fastest Man" Competition.

JONES

A dedicated hoopster, he was a basketball star at Angelina (Texas) JUCO before deciding to give football his full attention at the University of Texas. He flashed his explosive burst in the first game ever in the Georgia Dome by taking a screen pass behind the line and racing past everyone en route to a 30-yard TD scamper.

College

Before he left the Austin, Texas campus, Tony would place his name first in yards, 100-yard games and second in receptions. He caught 108 throws for 1,842 yards for a 17.1 average with 11 TD's, and ran back 22 kickoffs for 466 yards and two TD's while running eight times for 104 yards and a score. During his junior year, he had a career-best 42 receptions to tie Eric Metcalf for the team lead with 838 yards and two TD's in 11 starts. The first team All-SWC selection had six catches for 177 yards vs. Texas Tech and on the season's final weekend grabbed six aerials for 139 yards with a 76-yard TD against Texas A&M. His second season for Texas included: a game-winning 18-yard TD grab with 1:48 left vs. Arkansas, five catches for 173 yards and TD's of 71 and 62 yards vs. Houston, and eight receptions for 242 yards with TD's of 77 and 40 yards in a Bluebonnet Bowl win over Pittsburgh.

Personal

Anthony Bernard moved out of the lone star state of Texas for the first time last year when he signed a Plan B contract with the Falcons. Prior to '91, he had played his entire sports career in Texas. The Grapeland, Texas high school star was a football, basketball and track letterwinner as a prepster. He ran back an amazing four kickoffs and four punts for touchdowns during his senior campaign, while also gaining 1,200 yards on the ground. He was singled-out in high school exploits when he returned in 1991 for a "Tony Jones Day" in his honor by the city of Grapeland. The athletic Jones also was crowned state champ in the 200 meter dash.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1990	Houston	15/1	30	409	13.6	47	6
1991	Houston	16/1	19	251	13.2	68t	2
1992	Atlanta	11/4	14	138	9.86	24	1
Totals:		42/6	63	798	12.7	68t	9
Playoffs Totals:							
1990		1/1	0	0	0	0	0
1991		2/1	1	19	19.9	19	0

Jones' Personal Bests

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
5 Clev (12-9-90) 4 at KC (12-16-90) Pitt (12-30-90)	93 at Cin (9-8-91) 66 LA Raid (9-1-91)	68t at Cin (9-8-91) 47 at Rams (11-4-90)	2 at KC (12-16-90) 1 Seven times

MIKE KENN



Michigan
16th Year
Ht: 6'7" Wt: 286
Born: 2-9-56

Acquisition: 1st round, 13th overall,
1978 Draft

TACKLE

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Last Season

It was another "typical year" for Mike Kenn in 1992. He performed at another high level that belied his age as he proved once again he was one of the top tackles in the NFL. The savvy veteran started every game at his usual left tackle position for the 10th time in his career. A knee sprain against the Patriots in Week 13 limited him to only the first three plays at New Orleans, but he returned in the season finale at Los Angeles. His play was part of the reason that the Falcons established new team marks for completions in a season (336, third-best in NFL), touchdown passes (33, best in League), and first downs (194). Mike's textbook pass blocking technique's allowed the birds to throw for the second most yards ever in club history with 3,635, which was the fourth-best mark among all clubs. **The Falcons are the only team in the League to toss 30 or more TD passes in each of the past two seasons** and Kenn's presence up front has been a big part of the success.

Pro Career

With his 220 NFL games played, Mike moved into 22nd place on the NFL's all-time games played list (see chart). He heads into his 16th season with the *third highest active streak* behind Jackie Slater's 238 and James Lofton's 223. If he performs in all 16 games in '93 he can switch positions with Jim Bakken (234) into 14th place. Of course, he still has 28 more games to play before he takes over the team lead over Jeff Van Note. Even though he's toiled in the physical NFL trenches for over a decade and a half, *he's only missed eight games in 15 years!* His consistent stretch is even more amazing when you consider he missed five out of those eight games in one season due to torn knee ligaments (1985). Mike's career started out with a streak of 90 consecutive games, third longest in club history. Kenn was called the best lineman in the League in a stretch from 1980 to 1984 as he played in five straight Pro Bowls. In his tenure in Atlanta, **he is the only Falcon to ever play in all of the club's six playoff games**. Kenn has paved the way for such Pro Bowlers as William Andrews, Steve Bartkowski, Chris Miller, Andre Rison, Gerald Riggs, Billy Johnson, Alfred Jenkins, and John Settle.

Most NFL Games Played

1. George Blanda	340
10. Ron McDole	240
11. Mick Tinglehoff	240
12. Charlie Joiner	239
13. Jackie Slater*	238
14. Jim Bakken	234
15. Jim Turner	228
16. Paul Krause	226
17. Carl Eller	225
18. Carl Hairston	224
19. Ed Jones	224
20. John Hadl	223
21. James Lofton*	223
22. Mike Kenn*	220

* Active in 1992

Notebook

Mike has surely held his own when lining up head-to-head against some of the NFL's best pass rushers. For example, ***Kenn held former Saints sack specialist Pat Swilling without a sack in 12 of the last 13 games played against the NFC West rival.*** He has also shutout Giants LB Lawrence Taylor and ex-Cowboy and 1981 Super Bowl MVP Harvey Martin (0 sacks in playoff game). In 1991, he only allowed one sack the entire year (from Tony Woods of Seattle) despite facing the League's toughest pass rushers from the left side of the line. His dominating pass blocking helped the birds set a club mark in '91 by giving up only 31 sacks in 531 passing attempts. A community minded player, Mike has lent his name to many worthwhile causes in the Atlanta area and around the southeast over the years. For his service, he captured the 25th annual Byron Whizzer White Award presented by the NFLPA last year. He is involved in the Mike Utley *Thumbs Up Foundation* and is a spokesperson for *TEAM Georgia* (Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management). The '91 *Peach of an Athlete* award winner was the recipient of a proclamation from the City Council of Atlanta for his help in raising over \$450,000 for a pair of paralyzed police officers, Richard Williams and J.J. Biello. In 1992, Mike bought a sports restaurant/bar, Rafter's, in Alpharetta.

Honors

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| 1991: All-Pro — AP, PFWA, Football News, Football Digest
All-NFL — Pro Football Weekly
All-NFC — UPI
1990: All-Pro, Sports Illustrated
AP Honorable Mention All-Pro
1984: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
All-NFC UPI (2nd team)
1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL — Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly (2nd team)
All-NFC UPI (2nd team) | 1982: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly
All NFL AP, NEA (2nd team)
All NFC UPI
1981: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, NEA (2nd team)
All-NFC UPI
1980: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, UPI
All-NFL Pro Football Writers Assn., NEA
1978: All-NFL Rookie — Pro Football Writers Assn. |
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College

Playing for Bo Schembechler at Michigan, Mike was an All-America as a senior and a member of two Rose Bowl teams that captured a pair of Big 10 titles. He built himself into a starter in his third game as a sophomore by beefing up in the chow lines after coming to Ann Arbor as a 207-pound freshman (and worked his way up to 235 lbs.). He received his B.A. degree in General Studies.

Personal

A Midwesterner by birth, Michael Lee was reared just outside of Chicago in Evanston, Illinois. A two-way star at Evanston High, he played both sides of the ball as an offensive/defensive lineman. Germane to his surroundings, big Mike also was an imposing defenseman in hockey and center defenseman in lacrosse. Kenn is the type of athlete that works out year-round with a fervor that doesn't seem to end. He even makes sure there is a workout facility available in the places he stays at on vacation. He likes to golf and cook in his spare time. He and his wife, Joanie, have two daughters, Lisa, 7, and Kristy, 3 and live in Alpharetta.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 220/220 [6/6], 1978 (16/16) [2/2], 1979 (16/16), 1980 (16/16), [1/1] 1981 (16/16), 1982 (9/9), [1/1] 1983 (16/16), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (11/11), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988 (16/16), 1989 (15/15), 1990 (16/16), 1991 (15/15) [2/2], 1992 (16/16)

HARPER LE BEL



Colorado State
5th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 248
Born: 7-14-63

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
April 1, 1991

TIGHT END/
SNAPPER

88



Last Season

Le Bel returned strongly to action in '92, coming back a year after fracturing his right wrist versus the Chargers in the '91 season. He performed all the long snapping duties in every game in '92, including both of Norm Johnson's club record-tying 54-yard FG attempts and his perfect 39-39 PAT's. Harper also received the starting call as the TE in two contests: at Buffalo and against New England. The fifth-year pro from Colorado State covered kicks as well on the Falcons special teams in '92, registering 6 tackles.

Pro Career

Harper has survived the long snapping trenches for four seasons, wearing four different uniforms. Originally a 12th round draft selection of the Chiefs in '85, he was moved to center during his first NFL training camp. The transition didn't go smoothly and he was released. He had tryouts with other clubs before landing a spot on the Chargers' replacement team in '87. Subsequent stints in the Bucs and Cowboys camps followed a year later, but he caught on with the Seahawks as a long snapper and tight end in '89. Le Bel was courted by the Eagles and signed as a Plan B free agent in '90. He was labeled *"the best long snapper in the NFL"* by ex-Eagles coach and current Oilers defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan. Besides the snapping duties he was the Eagles short yardage tight end and was a presence on kickoff and kickoff return teams.

Notebook

A marketing and business administration degree holder from Colorado State, Harper is a devout member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His long snapping exploits began in high school as an experiment as he watched from the sidelines. His first two seasons as a prep he was forced from the action due to an illness called Osgood-Schlatter disease (leg muscle growth). A community-minded athlete, he filmed a public service announcement on behalf of the *Special Olympics* in Pennsylvania. He has also been involved in the annual *Holiday Evening with the Stars* which benefits charity and the special teams paint at Egleston Children's Hospital.

College

The big target still ranks fourth in career receptions in the Colorado State annals with 89 (for 1,057 yards). His 59 catches (for 729 yards) as a junior is also the fourth-best single season school mark. Harper was an All-Western Athletic Conference honorable mention honoree for two years for the Rams.

Personal

A California native from Granda Hills, Brian Harper competed in football, baseball, basketball and track at Notre Dame High. His father is a flight analyst and he has one sister, Maureen, and a brother, Robbie. He stays in shape in the off-season playing racquetball at the Falcons Complex. Besides at his residence in nearby Suwanee, where a pair of dogs also get pampered treatment, Le Bel and his wife Magda spend their time in Sherman Oaks, Ca. during the off-season.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 53/2, 1987 (2/0), 1989 (16/0), 1990 (16/0) 10 special teams tackles, 1991 (3/0) 1 special teams tackle, 1992 (16/2) 6 special teams tackles

Record TV Audience Views Super Bowl XXVII

Super Bowl XXVII between Dallas and Buffalo was the most-watched event in television history (including entertainment programming) with an audience of 133.4 million. In fact, 9 of the 10 most-watched programs in TV history have been Super Bowls. And all 10 of the highest-rated sports events in television history are Super Bowls. More good television news arrived for the NFL when Nielsen released its final ratings for 1992. The top four TV sports events of the year were NFL games. And Super Bowl XXVI between Washington and Buffalo was the highest-rated sports, news or entertainment of 1992, a year that included both the Winter and Summer Olympics.

10 MOST-WATCHED PROGRAMS IN TV HISTORY (VIEWERS IN MILLIONS)

Rank	Game	Year	Viewers
1.	Super Bowl XXVII (Dallas vs. Buffalo)	1993	133.4
2.	Super Bowl XX (Chicago vs. New England)	1986	127.0
3.	Super Bowl XXI (N.Y. Giants vs. Denver)	1987	121.6
4.	M*A*S*H* (final episode)	1983	121.6
5.	Super Bowl XXVI (Washington vs. Buffalo)	1992	119.7
6.	Super Bowl XIX (San Francisco vs. Miami)	1985	115.9
7.	Super Bowl XXII (Washington vs. Denver)	1988	115.0
8.	Super Bowl XXV (N.Y. Giants vs. Buffalo)	1991	112.1
9.	Super Bowl XXIII (San Francisco vs. Cincinnati)	1989	110.8
10.	Super Bowl XVI (San Francisco vs. Cincinnati)	1982	110.2

CHRIS MILLER



Oregon
7th Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 212
Born: 8-9-65

Acquisition: 1st Round, 13th
overall, 1987 Draft

QUARTERBACK

12



Last Season

Chris Miller's highly productive 1992 season came to an abrupt end in the third quarter in Week 9 against the Rams. On a first down scramble, Miller planted his left leg in the Georgia Dome turf to make a cut, injuring his left knee (without contact being made). Chris had to undergo reconstructive surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee on Nov. 2. At the time of the injury, the former Oregon product had the second most touchdown passes of any quarterback in the NFL with 15. With only six interceptions, he had the **best touchdown-to-interception ratio in the League** and his 152 completions led all NFC passers (fourth overall). He was well on his way to breaking his own personal best of 26 TD passes in '91 with a chance of surpassing Steve Bartkowski's team record of 31 in 1980. His personal highlights included adding to his **streak of consecutive games with at least one TD pass to 14** (tying Bartkowski's club mark) and passes without an interception to 141 (third longest stretch ever in club annals). His four TD passing effort at Chicago set a single-game career high and his 351 passing yards against the Bears (30-48) was his second-most ever and he also added a three TD afternoon in the Packers win. He hooked up with Michael Haynes on the Falcons' first offensive play in the Georgia Dome for a memorable 76-yard TD toss. The Miller to Haynes connection also **completed the longest pass reception in team history with an 89-yard TD** at Washington and he teamed up with Andre Rison on a 71-yard scoring bomb at Chicago. Miller ushered in the first regular season game ever at the Georgia Dome in style by completing .724 of his throws (21-29) versus the Jets (second-best % of his career) in an opening 20-17 victory.

Pro Career

Despite the '92 season setback, Miller pushed his career totals to 13,721 passing yards, 1,097 completions, 2,023 attempts, and 86 TD's, to place his name behind only Bartkowski in the club record book. Chris improved upon his already established **team mark for lowest interception percentage in a career** by a Falcons QB to 3.4, with the help of only six pickoffs in '92. In the last four years, the accurate passer has thrown **26 more TD's than interceptions** (74-48),

while completing 60% or more of his passes in a game on 20 different occasions. Miller's QB rating has risen each season to a career-best 90.7 in '92. When he hit the 10,000 yard passing plateau in Week 7 against the 49ers in '91 at the age of 26, he was in some select company. Only names like Dan Marino, Fran Tarkenton, Joe Namath and Bernie Kosar had passed 10,000 at a younger age. With his streak of 141 passes without an interception (Rams in '91 to Redskins in '92), it marked the fourth time in his seven-year career that he's experienced a 100-plus interception-less streak. Even with his injury, Chris is still ranked 5th among all NFL quarterbacks in TD passes thrown in the 90's with 58 and 5th in TD/Int ratio with a +20 (58, 38). If he remained healthy and just matched his first half performance (of 15 TD's), he would have projected out to 73 TD's, placing him third on the list behind only Kelly and Moon (see charts). **With Chris at the helm, the Falcons have won 13 of the last 21 games he's played.**

Year-by-Year

1991: He earned a spot in the **Pro Bowl** by throwing a personal-high 26 TD's (third in NFL), with 3,103 yards on 220 completions. Chris guided the birds to the **playoffs** for the first time in nine years with a strong second half performance over the final nine games. During that important stretch he completed 126 of 224 passes (56%) for 1,953 yards, 20 TD's and only six picks, to finish with a high 103.7 QB rating, en route to a 8-1 record. He tossed two or more TD's in seven straight games, **while leading all QB's in per rush average (7.2)**. He helped Atlanta to their **first road playoff win** in franchise history at New Orleans and capped off his best season by finding Jerry Rice with the winning TD pass in the fourth quarter of the Pro Bowl for the NFC (21-15).

1990: Miller was 4th in the NFL in passing yards behind Moon, Montana, and Everett with 2,735, before being felled with a broken collarbone at Tampa Bay which ended his season. He was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week for his personal-best 366 yards (23-44) in a dramatic victory over the Saints. His other 300-yard passing game came at the hands of the Niners (25-41-337). Chris' 57.2% season completion rate was a career-high and he went through a stretch where he threw 10 TD's and had only one theft (Weeks 5-8). He also set a then-personal record with his 17 TD's through the air and a long pass of 751.

1989: Chris led the **NFL in lowest interception % at 1.9**, with streaks of 185 and 122 passes without an interception. He became only the second QB in team history to pass for 3,000 yards as he totaled 3,459 (third highest total ever), which ranked 5th in NFL. He registered three, 300-yard passing games and in the season finale against Detroit attempted 66 passes (2nd most ever in League history) for a club record 37 completions. Miller also chipped in with some fancy footwork as he **booted a 25-yard field goal** at San Francisco.

1988: In 13 games, he passed for 2,133 yards, the most since Bartkowski in 1984. He posted a 5-5 mark in the games he started and finished, losing the three he had to leave with injuries. He had ankle and elbow injuries and a concussion that took him out of action. Highlights included a win over the soon to be World Champion 49ers at Candlestick (34-17) and road wins over the Eastern Champion Eagles and the L.A. Raiders. His 3.4 interception rate was lower

than big name QB's like Esiason, Marino, Kelly, Elway or Everett. Chris had his first NFL three-TD game at the Eagles (no interceptions).

1987: Some "experts" thought him being picked in the first round (third QB) was a "reach" and that the club should have taken others like those chosen right after him (D.J. Dozier, John Clay, John Bosa). Then, contract talks bogged down and he missed all of camp and didn't sign until Oct. 30. In the final three games, Chris was thrown into battle starting at halftime vs. the Rams with the team down 26-0. His second half was 10-20 for 170. Then, the 3-10 Falcons went to San Francisco to face the Division champs and Chris got the start. It was a 13-36 for 186-yard day (most by a Falcon QB in his first start), but with the blitzing 49ers and a big lead, he was sacked three times and threw four interceptions. The season finale was his home debut, another uphill struggle that was a 196-yard day with his first NFL TD pass vs. Detroit and another four-interception outing.

Notebook

A strenuous rehabilitation process saw Chris become a regular in the Falcons training and weight rooms for up to four hours daily. His early come-back trail was also blazed at home where he would labor for hours every day on a range of motion machines. His dedicated effort included adding 8 more pounds of muscle to his frame. This wasn't the first time Miller fought back from an injury. He broke his collarbone in Week 13 at Tampa Bay in 1990, only to rebound in 1991 with his finest season and a Pro Bowl nod. He's also had to endure other various ailments through the years such as a bruised chest, cracked ribs, sprained ankle, and sprained knee, which made him miss time. A 103 degree temperature held him out of the first half against Green Bay in '91, but he turned into a hero by taking three bags of IV at halftime, suiting up in the second half, and throwing a pair of TD's in a 35-31 come-from-behind victory. Chris possesses an accurate arm, a vital asset in the Falcons Red Gun passing attack, which relies on quick releases and quick reads. For example, in five out of his eight games last season he completed 60% or more of his attempts. For the third straight year, he donated **\$100 for every TD pass** thrown to the Children's Miracle Network. Miller's United Way public service announcement garnered a national Tilly Award in 1990.

Personal

With his injury, Chris' other hobbies of playing golf and fishing in the off-season were limited. But he did manage some time on the links, in between an excursion to the lakes of Oregon for some steel head fishing and another fishing trip in scenic Alaska. The trek to Alaska was part of a fund raising effort to raise money for high school athletic programs in his hometown of Eugene, Oregon. The Miller family, which includes sister Liz and parents Jess and Jane, are his biggest fans as they travel to San Francisco ever year, while attending a few home games a season. When they're not in the stands, they tune in every game on the family satellite dish. Chris was a self-described gym rat as a youth and at eight-years old he made it all the way to the national finals at Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition. He grew up in a competitive sports neighborhood which included the likes of Michael Walters (49ers) and he went to the same high school as ex-Raiders tight end and current NBC

broadcaster Todd Christiansen. At Sheldon High in Eugene, Oregon, he was actually more interested in basketball than football in his early years. When he turned his attention to football he excelled by leading Sheldon to an 8-1 record as a senior and a trip to the AAA playoffs, throwing for 1,617 yards and 12 scores. Miller has had the pleasure of both playing (shooting a 75) and being in the gallery of the famed Masters golf course in Augusta.

Career Statistics

Passing														Rushing				
Pct.																		
Year	Team	GP/GS	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Comp.	LG	TD	%TD	Int.	%Int	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
1987	Atl.	3/2	39	92	552	42.4	57	1	1.1	9	9.8	25.3	4	21	5.3	11	0	
1988	Atl.	13/13	184	351	2133	52.4	68t	11	3.1	12	3.4	67.3	31	138	4.5	29	1	
1989	Atl.	15/15	280	526	3459	53.2	72t	16	3.0	10	1.9	76.1	10	20	2.0	7	0	
1990	Atl.	12/12	222	388	2735	57.2	75t	17	4.4	14	3.6	78.7	26	99	3.8	18	1	
1991	Atl.	15/14	220	413	3103	53.3	80t	26	6.3	18	4.4	80.6	32	229	7.2	20	0	
1992	Atl.	8/8	152	253	1739	60.1	89t	15	5.9	6	2.4	90.7	23	89	3.9	16	0	
Totals:		66/64	1097	2023	13721	54.2	89t	86	4.3	69	3.4	75.5	126	596	4.7	29	2	
Playoff Totals:																		
1991		2/2	62	35	469	53.4	61t	3	4.8	5	8.1	63.2	4	18	4.5	12	0	

Miller's Career Highlights

- Won 13 of his last 21 games as the Falcons starting QB.
- Led NFL in lowest interception % at 1.9 in '89 and is the Falcons all time leader in that category at 3.4.
- Picked to Pro Bowl for leading Falcons into Playoffs for the first time in nine years by tossing a career high 26 TD's and 3,103 yards in '91.
- Set personal high with 4 TD passes at Chicago in '92 and completed the longest pass in team history with an 89 yarder at Washington.
- In last four years, he has thrown 26 more TD passes than pickoffs.
- Only Dan Marino, Fran Tarkenton, Joe Namath and Bernie Kosar had thrown for 10,000 passing yards at a younger age.
- Second only to Barkowski in team throwing charts in every category with his 13,721 passing yards, 1,097 completions out of 2,023 attempts, and 86 TD's.

Miller's Personal Bests

Attempts

66 Det (12-24-89)
 49 at Chi (11-11-90)
 48 at Chi (9-27-92)
 44 N.O. (10-7-90)
 at Phx (10-22-89)
 41 at NYJ (11-26-89)
 at SF (9-23-90)
 Minn (9-8-91)
 at Mia (10-11-92)
 39 at Dallas (12-22-91)
 at LA Rams (10-8-89)
 38 San Diego (11-13-88)
 at Pitt (11-4-90)
 N.O. (11-19-89)
 Phil (11-18-90)

Gross Yards

366 N.O. (10-7-90)
 351 at Chi (9-27-92)
 340 at Rams (10-8-89)
 337 at SF (9-23-90)
 334 Det (12-24-89)
 325 at Dallas (12-22-91)
 310 Wash (12-17-89)
 300 Minn (9-8-91)
 299 LA Rams (9-10-89)
 291 SF (10-14-90)

Touchdowns

3 at SF (10-13-91)
 3 LA Rams (10-27-91)
 3 TB (11-17-91)
 at Dall (12-22-91)
 at Phil (10-30-88)
 SF (10-14-90)
 2 (Sixteen times)

Completions

37 Det (12-24-89)
 38 at Chi (11-11-90)
 30 at Chi (9-27-92)
 28 at Rams (10-8-89)
 27 Minn (9-8-91)
 26 at Mia (10-11-92)
 25 at SF (9-23-90)
 24 at Phx (10-22-89)
 at Det (9-4-88)
 23 LA Rams (9-10-89)
 at Pitt (11-4-90)
 N.O. (10-7-90)
 21 Jets (9-6-92)
 Dal (9-17-89)
 N.O. (9-20-92)

Net Yards

366 N.O. (10-7-90)
 324 at Chi (9-27-92)
 Det (12-24-89)
 320 at SF (9-23-90)
 316 at Dallas (12-22-91)
 315 at Rams (10-8-89)
 294 Wash (12-17-89)
 280 Minn (9-8-91)
 271 LA Rams (9-10-89)
 271 at Rams (12-8-91)

Times Sacked

6 at NO (10-29-89)
 5 NO (9-29-91)
 4 at Dall (9-25-88)
 Phil (10-30-88)
 Pats (10-15-89)
 NO (11-25-90)
 Chi (11-11-90)
 SF (9-23-90)
 NO (11-24-91)
 NO (11-19-89)

Percentage

.736 (14-19) LA Rams (10-27-91)
 .724 (21-29) Jets (9-6-92)
 (21-29) Dal (9-17-89)
 .722 (13-18) Cin (10-28-90)
 .718 (28-39) at Rams (10-8-89)
 .678 (19-28) at Rams (12-8-91)
 .667 (24-36) at Det (9-4-88)
 .666 (12-18) GB (12-1-91)
 .659 (27-41) Minn (9-8-91)
 .634 (26-41) at Mia (10-11-92)
 .633 (19-30) Hou (9-9-90)
 .625 (30-48) at Chi (9-27-92)
 .622 (23-27) LA Rams (9-10-89)
 .621 (18-29) at Rai (11-20-88)
 .615 (16-26) G.B. (10-4-92)

Long

89t at Wash (9-13-92)
 80t at N.O. (11-24-91)
 75t SF (10-14-90)
 72t Wash (12-17-89)
 72 SF (10-14-89)
 71t at Chi (9-27-92)
 at Rams (10-21-90)
 68t at Dal (9-25-88)
 67t at Dal (12-22-91)
 61 at SF (9-23-90)
 60 at Det (9-16-90)

Most Int.

4 at K.C. (9-1-91)
 SF (12-20-87)
 Det (12-27-87)
 Chi (11-11-90)
 Ph. (10-20-91)

Fewest Int.

0 (23 times)
 1 (19 times)

Quarterbacking in the '90s

Touchdown Passes

Jim Kelly	80
Warren Moon	74
Dan Marino	70
R. Cunningham	70
Chris Miller *	58
Mark Rypien	57

Interception Ratio

Randall Cunningham	+46 (24)
Jim Kelly	+35 (45)
Dan Marino	+30 (40)
Warren Moon	+28 (46)
Chris Miller *	+20 (38)
Mark Rypien	+18 (39)

* Played in only eight games in 1992

Falcons' Top Touchdown Tandems

<i>QB</i>	<i>WR</i>	<i>TD</i>
Steve Bartkowski	Alfred Jenkins	36
Steve Bartkowski	Wallace Francis	27
Chris Miller	Andre Rison	23
Chris Miller	Michael Haynes	22

Miller By The Numbers

Yardage

300 Yards or More	8
250-299	10
200-249	17
175-199	12
150-174	9
125-149	5
100-124	5
Under 100	3

Completions

30-39	2
25-29	5
20-24	8
15-19	25
10-14	24
9 or Less	4

Attempts

50 or More	1
40-49	8
30-39	28
20-29	25
10-19	5
Less than 10	1

Interceptions

0	26
1	26
2	6
3	4
4	6

Touchdowns

4	1
3	9
2	18
1	22
0	18

BRIAN MITCHELL



BYU
3rd Year
Ht: 5'9" Wt: 175
Born: 12-13-68

CORNERBACK

24



Acquisition: Re-signed as Free Agent, September 1, 1992

Last Season

After spending training camp with the Dallas Cowboys, Brian was released on the final cutdown and he returned to the Falcons in time for the season opener against the Jets. Mitchell was used as a nickel defensive back in all 16 games for the birds. He ended up with 23 tackles and three passes defended. He also recorded the *first interception* of his NFL career with a theft of a Jim Everett pass in the season finale at Los Angeles. Brian was also seventh on the team ledgers in special teams tackles with eight.

Pro Career

Mitchell broke in as a 7th round Falcons draft pick, playing as a nickel back in the Falcons secondary in 1991, finishing with 33 tackles. He registered a personal best of 6 tackles vs. the Vikings and then matched it vs. the Niners. Brian also stripped Jerry Rice to force a fumble and had a QB pressure to his credit. Against the Cardinals, he blitzed from the corner to trap QB Tom Tupa behind the line *twice*. Mitchell was signed by the Cowboys as a Plan B free agent in '92, only to return to Atlanta after training camp.

College

Mitchell helped BYU to back-to-back 10-2 campaigns to close out his career as the leading tackler in the Cougar secondary. He displayed his versatility by returning punts and the two-time All-WAC selection is in the school's **record book** with his 97-yard touchdown off an **interception**. As a junior, he collared a team-high 44 solo tackles in his total of 71, with five picks, and he was also the top punt returner. Brian saved the best for last tallying 78 stops (36 solos) during his senior season, with four interceptions, a team high 13 passes defended, and a 49-yard interception return against Colorado State. His collegiate career included playing in the Freedom Bowl and he collected a pair of two interception games vs. Colorado State and Wyoming.

Notebook/Personal

Brian Keith Mitchell was born in Indianapolis, but grew up with his two brothers in Waco, Texas. The All-District choice played some on the offensive side of the ball as a tailback and receiver during his prep career besides manning the corner and safety spots. A serious competitor on the high school track scene, he clocked a 21.0 for 200 meters and a 400 time of 47.4 as his relay team finished third in the state. At BYU, he ran shorter distances, clocking a 10.4 100 meter time and a 6.45 55 meters, while running the lead leg on the school's 4x100 team which was 7th best in the NCAA's. He declined offers from Texas, Texas Tech, Houston, Tulsa and Wisconsin before deciding on Brigham Young in Utah. A top student, he completed work on his degree in clinical social work with a 2.7 GPA. He and his wife Carrie have one child.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Hurries	Int.	PD	FF	FR	Spec. Teams
1991	Atl.	15/0	33	22	11	2	2	0-0	0	2	0	5
1992	Atl.	16/0	23	16	7	0	1	1-0	1	0	0	8
Totals:		31/0	56	38	18	2	3	1-0	1	2	0	13
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Longest Plays in Georgia Dome

Longest Rush

By Falcons: 32 yards, RB Tony Smith vs. Jets, Sept.6, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 63 yards, RB Cleveland Gary, Rams, Nov. 1, 1992

Longest Pass

By Falcons: 76t yards, QB Chris Miller vs. Eagles, Aug. 23, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 67 yards, QB Jim Everett, Rams, Nov. 1, 1992

Longest Reception

By Falcons: 76t yards, WR Michael Haynes vs. Eagles, Aug. 23, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 67 yards, RB David Lang, Rams, Nov. 1, 1992

Longest Interception Return

By Falcons: 32, Deion Sanders vs. New England, Nov. 29, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 46t, Robert Massey, Phoenix, Nov. 15, 1992

Longest Kickoff Return

By Falcons: 60, Tony Smith vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 1, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 39, Johnny Bailey, Phoneix, Nov. 15, 1992

Longest Punt Return

By Falcons: 45, Tony Smith vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 1, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 48t, Merton Hanks, San Francisco, Nov. 9, 1992

Longest Field Goal

By Falcons: 54 yards, Norm Johnson vs. Jets, Sept.6, 1992; Patriots, Nov. 29, 1992

Vs. Falcons: 49 yards, Greg Davis, Cardinals, Nov. 15, 1992

ALTON MONTGOMERY



4th Year
Houston
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 202
Born: 6-16-68

Acquisition: Trade from Denver Broncos
(for 3rd, 7th round '93 draft choices), 4/12

SAFETY

22



Last Season

The Falcons were looking to upgrade their safety position when they traded for the Broncos' hard hitting defensive back Alton Montgomery. And they think they achieved that goal as they only surrendered a 3rd and 7th round selection in the '93 draft for a player who is expected to compete for a starting spot at strong safety. Montgomery's season was limited last year to only 12 games played and one start due to an injury suffered in Week 8 at San Diego. He tore a cartilage in his left knee which required surgery and forced him on Injured Reserve until Dec. 1. As usual, when he returned to action, he played with reckless abandon, setting up a score with a fumble recovery at Kansas City and returning a kickoff 64 yards against Seattle (longest of his career). In a season opening start versus the Raiders he collared six tackles, 11 assists and returned a fumble 66 yards. Alton ended with 13 solo tackles, 18 assists and two passes defended in the Broncos secondary, while finishing third in the AFC in kickoff return average at 22.2.

Pro Career

The Falcons received a seasoned performer who has competed in 41 NFL games in the AFC with 5 starts, playing behind perennial Pro Bowler Steve Atwater and 12-year veteran Dennis Smith. Besides vying for the starting strong safety spot, Montgomery also brings an added bonus to the Falcons because of his strong work on special teams: he was tabbed **Denver's Special Teams MVP** in '91. The first team **All-NFL rookie** played in 15 games, with four starts, in '90, chipping in with 37 solo stops, 16 assists, two pickoffs and six passes defended. He also averaged 20.4 yards on 14 kickoff returns. In his sophomore season in '91, he played in all 16 contests, while posting a team-best 11 special teams tackles, with four assists, seven knockdown blocks, and a fumble recovery. The former second round pick also ran back a career-high 26 kicks for 488 yards and an 18.8 average, with a long of 55 yards. His three long NFL plays are 66 (FR), plus 64 and 55-yard KOR's.

Notebook

The Falcons have kept a close eye on the career of Alton Montgomery since the '90 draft when the birds tried to move up to select the talented DB in the second round. His hard nosed

reputation out of college was no doubt enhanced by teaming with the likes of intimidators Steve Atwater and Dennis Smith in Denver. This aggressive defender brings a nasty on-field temperament and a sure tackling background to the "Black Wave" defense. Atlanta was also glad to add another Georgia product to the roster as the 25-year-old hails from Griffin. Montgomery anchored the secondary and Cortez Kennedy (Seattle) manned the line on the same formidable defense at Northwest Mississippi Junior College. Alton explains his emotional, all-out-effort-mentality on every play that characterized his time in Denver by simply saying, *"I always play full-speed, and that's the way it will always be with me!"* Montgomery will never forget the days when he had to walk or run to football practice in the summer before entering Griffin High School. Because he lived 15 miles from Griffin and school buses weren't running, he did whatever it took to get to football practice. Sometimes it meant missing one of the two-a-day practices, but his coach James Martin understood. *"I could see he really wanted it and wanted it bad,"* he said. The relationship between Martin and Montgomery became special. *"I kind of adopted him,"* Martin said. *"He's always been very special to me and I could tell right away he was something special!"* Alton almost enlisted in the Navy instead of attending a junior college on a partial scholarship until he was offered a full ride at Northwest Mississippi. This hard-hitting Georgian grew up idolizing Ronnie Lott and it's no coincidence that he sounds like the All-Pro Lott when he says, *"Every time I play, I play to intimidate. That's my game!"* NFL scouts still recall the hit he put on a player at the Senior Bowl practices that was shown repeatedly all week on the local sports shows. The versatile secondary performer has also played cornerback, starting four games on the left side as a rookie.

College

Alton started two years at the University of Houston after transferring from Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia, 30 miles south of Memphis. He was a second team All-America and first team All-SWC selection as a senior, while being nominated for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's best DB. He garnered SWC Newcomer of the Year honors in '86 and intercepted nine passes in his first year at the JUCO level to win Freshman of the Year accolades. His four-year collegiate career included 17 interceptions, four fumble recoveries and seven QB sacks.

Personal

Montgomery is a product of the Peach State from Griffin, Georgia. He grew up in a family of three brothers and three sisters. His mother didn't want him to play football when he picked up the sport as a seventh grader, so his neighbors had to take him to practice and games. In only his third game, he tore cartilage and ligaments in his shoulder and almost quit the sport. Alton decided on continuing his college career at Houston because the Cougars were graduating most of their secondary. It only took two days of preseason practices for him to become the No. 1 strong safety. The team captain and defensive MVP at Griffin High lettered three times in football and track and guided his senior team to a 12-1 record.

MONTGOMERY

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles		
			No.	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yards	LG	TD	FF	FR	
1990	Denver	15/4	53	37	16	2	43	24	0	0	2	
1991	Denver	16/0	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	
1992	Denver	12/1	31	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals		43/5	89	53	36	2	43	24	0	1	4	

Year	Team	No.	Kickoff Returns		Long	TD
			Yards	Avg.		
1990	Denver	14	286	20.4	59	0
1991	Denver	26	488	18.8	55	0
1992	Denver	21	466	22.2	64	0
Totals:		61	1,197	19.6	64	0

Montgomery's Personal Bests

Most Kickoff Returns

5 at Houston (10-16-91)

Most Yards, Kickoff Returns

96 at K.C. (11-17-91)

Longest Kickoff Returns

64 Seattle (12-20-92)

59 at Minnesota (11-4-90)

55 at K.C. (11-17-91)

Longest Interception Return

24 at Minnesota (11-4-90)

Additional Statistics

Recovered one fumble, 1991

Falcons Extra Flies Into Second Season

The *Falcons Extra*, a weekly newspaper devoted to coverage of the Falcons and the NFL, will return for its second season in 1993. A one-year subscription (26 issues) costs \$29.95 and can be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800-642-1183.

ERRIC PEGRAM



N. Texas State
3rd Year
Ht: 5'9" Wt: 188
Born: 1-7-69

Acquisition: 6th round, 145th
overall, 1991 Draft

**RUNNING
BACK**

33



Last Season

Pegram played all 16 games, with one start, in his second year in the pro ranks. He started the season off by averaging 7.2 yards per carry, rushing five times for 36 yards, in the victory over the Jets in the inaugural regular season game in the new Georgia Dome. Erric's totals in the "running back by committee" attack read 21 rushes for 89 yards. His 4.2 average was just below Steve Broussard's team leading 4.3 mark. Pegram also added 161 yards on 9 kickoff returns and 25 more yards on two receptions for a combined 275 yards total. He also chipped in with six special teams tackles.

Pro Career

In his rookie campaign, the young runner from North Texas State made the final cut with a strong preseason, which included 71 yards (with a 38 yard long) in the last contest at Dallas. With his slashing, darting style, he set a personal high with 78 yards (on 11 carries) in his second professional game against the Vikings. He finished strong in the season finale at Dallas with a 58-yard performance on 12 totes. His first NFL touchdown was a big one as his 4-yard scoring run helped the birds defeat the Packers in a come-from-behind fashion. Pegram's 349 yards were third-best on the club's charts. His first two NFL seasons have netted a combined 880 total yards rushing, receiving and returning.

College

A "Prop 48" signee at North Texas, Erric simply got better and better each year as he learned from position coach Ron Shanklin (former NFL'er with Pittsburgh). Erric led in both rushing (212 for 957, 4.5, 5 TD) and receiving (56 for 444, 1 TD), while ranking second in the Southland Conference in both rushing yards and receiving. Heavily recruited by major schools, Erric decided on NTSU and got his studies up so he could participate. During his career that featured 1,613 yards rushing (4.3 avg.) and 94 receptions, Erric turned on the jets for a 78-yard long TD catch and a 76-yard long TD run. Among his highlights was a 218-yard rushing game (vs. Alcorn State), an 11-catch game and a three TD game.

Notebook/Personal

"Teen Wolf," as his teammates call him, was born Eric Demont in Dallas, Texas. He went by the nickname of "The Doctor" in college because of the way he operated on opposing defenses. During his prep career, he excelled in track, winning a district meet in Dallas with a 10.35 time in the 100. Football runs deep in the Pegram household; his brother was a standout at Prairie View. Eric has been singled out each of the past two seasons for his tough exploits on special teams. He won the weekly special teams award (Hiyucuh) by sacrificing his body by jumping on a wedge of blockers last year on a kickoff. You know Eric is in the vicinity when you see an old big, black Cadillac pull up.

Career Statistics

Rushing							
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1991	Atl.	16/7	101	349	3.5	34	1
1992	Atl.	16/1	21	89	4.2	15	0
Totals:		32/8	122	438	3.6	34	1
Receiving							
Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	
1991	Atl.	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	
1992	Atl.	2	25	12.5	19	0	
Totals:		3	24	8.0	19	0	
Kickoff Returns							
Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	
1991	Atl.	16	257	16.1	30	0	
1992	Atl.	8	143	17.9	42	0	
Totals:		24	400	16.7	42	0	
Total Combined Yards: 862							
Rushing							Receiving
Playoff Totals:	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No. Yds. No. Yds. Avg. LG
	2/2	14	28	2.0	10	0	1 5 0 0 0 0

Pegram's Personal Bests

Rushes	Yards	Long	TD
13 Raid. (9-22-91) 12 T.B. (17-91) at Dall. (12-22-91) 11 Minn. (9-8-91) 10 at S.F. (10-31-91)	78 Minn. (9-8-91) 58 Raid. (9-22-91) at Dall. (12-22-91)	34 at Dall. (12-22-91) 19 Raid. (9-22-91) 17 Minn. (9-8-91) 16 Minn. (9-8-91) 15 N.O. (9-20-92)	1 G.B. (12-1-91)

JASON PHILLIPS



Houston
5th Year
Ht: 5'7" Wt: 166
Born: 10-11-66

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
April 1, 1991

WIDE
RECEIVER

82



Last Season

Jason's second year in Atlanta started with a strong preseason as he led all receivers with 20 receptions for 202 yards and three touchdowns. His preseason finale in the Dome vs. the AFC champion Bills saw him catch 11 for 81 yards and two touchdowns. With the signing on Sept. 3 of Andre Rison and the crowded receiving corps, his time was limited in the regular season. Phillips saw action in the four wide receiver formations of the Red Gun offense in 12 games in '92. His best outing was a three catch day at San Francisco. He also tallied his only touchdown of the season against the 49ers from six yards out. Jason's only other grab was an 8-yard catch at Buffalo.

Pro Career

Phillips was brought to Atlanta through the Plan B free agency system. Assistant Head Coach/Offense June Jones was aware of his talents because he had worked with Jason in Detroit. A 10th round choice of the Lions in '89, Jason totaled 30 receptions for 352 yards as an NFL rookie. When he was given a starting nod in the final five games, he took advantage of the opportunity, finishing with 21 catches for 256 yards. His career in Detroit also included a **10-catch day** (for 115 yards and a 55-yard score) against the Buccaneers that is still in the Lions' record books. In Jason's second season in the Silver Stretch offense he snared eight passes for 112 yards.

Notebook

The native of Houston, Texas is used to catching footballs, and a lot of them, since his college playing days in a wild run-and-shoot offense. At the University of Houston, Phillips grabbed 234 passes from Heisman Trophy winning QB Andre Ware. Jason was the first receiver in 23 years, and **only fourth in NCAA history, to lead the nation in receiving two straight years** (108 in '88 and 99 in '87). He moved on to the pros in a similar offense in Detroit and was snatched from the list of Plan B free agents by Atlanta because of his knowledge of the passing system.

College

Jason became the first receiver in NCAA history in 23 years to lead the nation in receiving two straight years. He only played at Houston for those two years but he managed to leave with five Southwest Conference records: career receptions with 207, single-season receptions with 108, receptions in a game with 16, yardage with 1,444 and TD's in a season with 15. The consensus senior All-American and All-SWC performer collected 16 catches for 224 yards and two TD's in his best collegiate game versus Louisiana Tech in 1988.

Personal

Jason Howell Phillips was reared in Houston and became an All-District selection as a quarterback for Sterling High School. The high school track star decided to attend Taft (CA) JUCO as a signal caller but was switched to the receiver position by his coach during his sophomore season.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Receptions		Avg.	LG	TD
			No.	Yards			
1989	Detroit	16/6	30	352	11.7	55t	1
1990	Detroit	12/2	8	112	14.0	29	0
1991	Atlanta	10/0	6	73	12.2	24	0
1992	Atlanta	12/0	4	26	6.5	8	1
Totals:		50/8	48	563	11.7	55t	2

Phillip's Personal Bests

No.	Yards	LG	TD
10 T.B. (12-17-89)	115 T.B. (12-7-89)	55 T.B. (12-17-89)	1 T.B. (12-17-89) 49ers

129! A Record

Throughout the course of NFL history, many records have been set and many marks broken, but one that will remain in the minds of many Falcons is from the season of 1977. With defensive coaches named Glanville and Shively and players nicknamed the Grits Blitz, the Atlanta Falcons defense allowed their opponents to score only 129 points. That is the lowest total ever recorded in a 14-game season. With the regular season schedule having 16 games for each team, this record will forever stand atop of the NFL record books for fewest points allowed in a 14-game season.

BRUCE PICKENS



Nebraska
3rd Year
Ht: 5'11" Wt: 190
Born: 5-9-68

CORNERBACK

39



Acquisition: 1st round, 3rd overall,
1991 draft

Last Season

Bruce Pickens lined up as a starter on the corner in four games a year ago, while logging time in all 16 games. His second season as a pro included 51 tackles, two interceptions, 9 passes defended, two forced fumbles, and a QB sack. Bruce started the first two games of the year against the Jets and Redskins in place of Deion Sanders, finishing with 9 tackles and a pass defended in the pair of contests. His other starting nods were versus the 49ers and Rams. In the San Francisco Week 7 affair, he **picked off his first NFL pass** with a **Steve Young** theft and returned it 16 yards. Seven weeks later at New Orleans, he **intercepted a Bobby Hebert** aerial at the end of the half and lateraled it to Sanders, who jaunted 55 yards into Saints territory. His best game in '92 was in the victory over the Packers when he registered a personal high of seven tackles and a forced fumble. He suffered through his share of injuries with a dislocated finger at Cleveland in the preseason and he underwent oral surgery on Sept. 21.

Pro Career

Bruce's pro debut didn't take place until Week 9 of his rookie season in '91 because of a contract holdout. His first year in Atlanta also involved being on the inactive list for a game and being suspended for a week (of the New Orleans playoff contest). He finished with seven tackles in seven games played.

Notebook

Pickens was a coveted college player by pro scouts because of his 4.42 speed on the corner. He was also described as an *"extremely competitive player with a mean streak."* Bruce tested highly at the college combine in Indianapolis with a long jump of 10.5' and a vertical leap of 34.5". He took advantage of his situation by flashing his skills in front of the Nebraska coaches when his Coffeyville Junior College played the Cornhusker freshmen. He tallied 13 tackles and knocked down four passes in helping his JUCO team hand Nebraska their worst beating ever with a 49-14 score. The Cornhusker coaches took note and signed him to a scholarship.

Personal

The honorable mention all-state of Missouri cornerback and slotback at Westport High School grew up idolizing the Chiefs Albert Lewis. Hailing from a family of one sister (Sandra) and four brothers (James, Roper, Lawrence, Frederick), Bruce Evon Pickens is the youngster of the group. He once grabbed **12 receptions** on offense as a receiver and running back, and turned around and **picked off three passes** as a safety and cornerback on defense, in **one** prep game. As a hoopster, he had to shadow former Missouri star and current Lakers guard Anthony Peeler in a game. His high school track career was also interesting as his 400 meter relay team broke the state record. In addition, he clocked a third place showing at the state meet in the 100 meters with a 10.45 and ended up second in the 200 meters. A Human Development major at Nebraska, "Easy" likes to listen to jazz in his spare time.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Tackles		Int.	Yards	Long	PD	Spec. Teams
				Assists	Sacks					
1991	7/0	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
1992	16/4	51	35	16	1	2	16	16	11	9
Totals:	23/4	58	40	18	1	2	16	16	11	10
Playoff Totals:										
1991	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

MIKE PRITCHARD



Colorado
3rd Year
Ht: 5'11" Wt: 186
Born: 10-25-69

Acquisition: 1st round, 13th overall,
1991 Draft

WIDE
RECEIVER

35



Last Season

Mike continued to be a potent target in the Falcons Red Gun offense in his second year in the system. **Pritchard's total of 77 receptions was the 5th highest ever in Falcon history and 9th best in the NFL in '92.** He also was second on the club in receiving yards with 827 and third in touchdowns with 5. He tied his personal best with a nine-catch affair against Dallas,

which included the first 100-yard game of his career (105). The former Colorado product collected eight receptions (89 yards) versus the Jets and Bears (52 yards). He hauled in seven catches each against the Saints (85), Dolphins (46) and Rams (82), while establishing four of his top five career receiving yardage games in '92. He scored the Falcons' lone touchdown in the narrow 10-7 loss to the Saints from 14 yards out and grabbed four other scoring passes versus the Packers (2 yards), Dolphins (18), Buccaneers (38) and Rams (11). He had six games with seven or more receptions in '92. In addition, Mike also carried the ball for the first time in his brief career, gaining 38 yards on three totes (long of 22) against the Rams in Week 9.

Pro Career

Pritchard was a **unanimous All-NFL rookie** in '91 for producing the second best totals among all first year receivers with 50 catches for 818 yards to trail only Lawrence Dawsey (55-218) of the Bucs. He posted the **sixth highest** numbers by a rookie wide out #1 pick in the last 12 years with only Shawn Collins, Art Monk, Sterling Sharpe, Eddie Brown and Andre Rison ahead of him. He broke into the starting lineup 11 times in his initial season, ending up tied for second on the club charts with Michael Haynes. A nine-catch, 82-yard day against the Vikings was his best rookie outing. So far in two seasons, Mike has outdistanced his other receiving counterparts from the class of '91 (see chart below). He flashed the skills that made him a No. 1 draft pick in his first preseason game in Jacksonville when he scored three touchdowns against the Rams in spectacular fashion with open field runs.

Notebook

Often overshadowed by headline grabbers like Andre Rison and Michael Haynes, Mike quietly put together a banner year in '92 which placed among the top five **EVER** in club history with his 77 receptions. His personal goal for the season was 70 catches. In Rison's early season absence last year, it was the steady Pritchard who stepped up to catch 26 passes for 292 yards to carry the load in the first four games. The articulate and outgoing performer spends his spare time in the off-season working on a financial assistance program titled *Provest Asset Management*. The company is built around offering athletes such services as loans, bill paying, and trust accounts. "Pritch" was the first athlete signed up for the program because he helped develop it while serving an internship with the Colorado National Bank.

College

Pritchard was a picture of versatility for Colorado with his ability to play tailback, wingback, wide receiver and returner. Mike averaged 18.8 yards every time he touched the ball in a Buffalo uniform. Breaking it down further, he boasted averages of 26.4 per reception (second best ever), 10.6 per rush and 23.1 per kick return while scoring 15 career TD's. His longs were just as impressive through the air (70t, 67, 55, 52, 48, 45t and 44t yard catches) or on the ground (78t by rush, 70 and 68 on reverses, 77 KOR). He totaled 2,538 all-purpose yards for the Boulder, CO school, including 1,528 yards as a senior for the Co-National Champions, for an average of 123.1 an outing. His 284 total yards against Tennessee outdistanced another more heralded player's best game (268 yards by Raghib Ismail of Notre Dame). As a senior, he

PRITCHARD

established a single season school record with his 733 receiving yards, and his 10 TD's were the second most ever. His 217 rushing yards vs. the Volunteers was the sixth-best total in the 102-year history of football at Colorado.

Personal

Michael Robert was born into a military family in South Carolina at Shaw Air Force Base. Pritchard received an early taste of Atlanta as the family drove through Georgia on their way to Disney World in Orlando one year. He captured the prestigious *Gatorade* "Circle of Champions" National Player of the Year award for his exploits on the high school gridiron. The All-America and All-State of Nevada tailback at Rancho High in Las Vegas rushed for 1,213 yards with 17 TD's as a senior. That followed a junior season in which he scored 15 times with 1,108 yards on the ground to help the school to the Sunrise League title with a 9-2 record. The gifted runner further impressed scouts with a 169-yard rushing effort on only 14 carries in a post season all star game. He also had a track background as a prepster running the 100 meters and competing in the long jump. The Economics major at Colorado has always been a big proponent of education. He was a member in good standing of the 'Academic Starters' program at the Bolder, CO school which rewarded those athletes who held a high grade point average. Mike and Tim Green took the time to show their dedication to education by posing in a Falcons uniform and graduation cap with the inscription, "The Most Important Head Gear You'll Ever Wear." The posters were given to every school in the state of Georgia and the pair also cut public service spots.



Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	Atl.	16/11	50	624	12.5	29	2	0	0	0	0	0
1992	Atl.	16/15	77	827	10.7	38	5	5	37	7.4	22	0
Totals:		32/26	127	1451	11.4	38	7	5	37	7.4	22	0

	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	1	18	18.0	18	0
1992	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	1	18	18.0	18	0

Playoff Totals:

1991	Atl.	2/2	10	119	11.9	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Receiving Class of '91

Two-Year Totals

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Mike Pritchard, Atl	127	1,451	11.4	7
Lawrence Dawsey, TB	115	1,594	13.9	3
Randall Hill, Phx	101	1,356	13.4	4
Tim Barnett, KC	65	1,006	15.5	8
Michael Jackson, Clev	64	1,023	16.0	8

Pritchard's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD Rushing
9 Minn (9-8-91) Dallas (12-21-92)	105 Dallas (12-21-92) 89 Jets (9-6-92)	29 at Phx (10-20-91) 28 G.B. (12-1-91)	1 (7 Times)
8 Jets (9-6-92) at Chi (9-27-92)	85 N.O. (9-20-92) 82 Minn (9-8-91) 82 at Rams (12-27-92)	27 at Wash (11-10-91) at Wash (9-13-92)	Carries 3 Rams (11-1-92) Yards 38 Rams (11-1-92) Long 22 Rams (11-1-92) 11 Rams (11-1-92)

TERRY RAY



Oklahoma
2nd Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 205
Born: 10-12-69

SAFETY

30



Acquisition: 6th round, 158th
overall, 1992 draft

Last Season

Terry Ray's indoctrination into the NFL came quickly as he was asked to fill the shoes of the experienced Scott Case (torn pec muscle) in only the third week of the season against the Division rival Saints. He had five tackles in the physical contest and displayed the skills necessary to play the free safety position in the Falcons defense. Case returned to the starting lineup the next week at Chicago, but had to leave the game early and Terry stepped back in. He started the following week versus the Packers and continued to improve as the season progressed. Terry ended up with 30 tackles on the year, with a recovered fumble vs. Green Bay. His top-tackle game came in the Chicago contest where he registered 8 tackles, while he

collared six stops in the first 49ers affair. Ray's extensive workout regimen in the offseason added 15 extra pounds of muscle to his frame.

College

Before his stellar career at Oklahoma was over, Ray would total the third most tackles ever by a Sooner defensive back with 188. The aggressive performer recorded 70 tackles in '89, which were the **most by an OU DB since Falcons teammate Scott Case** had 81 in '83. In addition, he had seven interceptions and 23 passes defended in his Sooner career. The All-Big Eight honoree in '90 set a career high with 13 tackles (9 solos) against national power Colorado and Mike Pritchard as a junior.

Notebook/Personal

Terry's idol growing up was his big brother, Darrol, who played in the secondary for the New York Jets (1980-84). Ironically, his first NFL regular season experience last year was against those same Jets. After being born in Belgium, the Rays relocated to Texas where Terry earned his hard-hitting reputation in high school as the third-best defensive back in the state, according to one newspaper. He was also tabbed "perhaps the best one-on-one defender in the state." As a senior at Ellison High School in Killeen, Texas he intercepted four passes, rushed for 114 yards, with four scores, returned eight punts for 138 yards and blocked six kicks. Terry followed in his brother Darrol's legacy and decided to enroll at Oklahoma. He was one of only four true freshmen to win a Sooner letter in his first year at the Norman campus. A communications major, Terry possesses better than average speed (4.49 in 40) for a player at his position. Ray's father survived the shooting massacre in Killeen in November of '91. He married his college sweetheart, the former Marie Elizabeth Reeves, on April 2nd. He is a self-proclaimed "computer nerd" who loves to play Sega Genesis, especially John Madden's football game. Any spare time is spent with his three Chows.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Assists	FF	FR	Spec. Teams
1992	Atlanta	10/2	30	15	15	0	1	6

New Rules for 1993

Here are some new rule changes that will be in effect for the 1993 season.

- Time between plays will be 40 seconds (instead of 45 seconds) from the end of a given play until the snap of the ball for the next play.
- Intentional grounding will NOT be called when a passer, while out of the pocket and facing an imminent loss of yardage, throws a pass that lands beyond the line of scrimmage, even if no offensive player(s) have a realistic chance to catch the ball (including if the ball lands out of bounds over the sideline or end line).

ANDRE RISON



Michigan State
5th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 188
Born: 3-18-67

Acquisition: Trade with Colts,
April 20, 1990

WIDE
RECEIVER

80



Last Season

After breaking the NFL record for the most receptions by a wide receiver in the first three years of a career in '91, what was next for Andre Previn Rison to achieve? Simple question. All he did was go out last season and promptly *break the record for the most catches in first four years of a career with 308*. In other words, **he is the only player in NFL history to catch over 300 passes in first four seasons in League**. Rison also shattered his own *team record* for receptions in a season by hauling in 93 for 1,121 yards, with 11 touchdowns, in earning his *third straight trip to Hawaii*, representing the NFC in the Pro Bowl. The second team Associated Press All-Pro started the season out slow due to a contract dispute that kept him out of camp until he signed a supplement to his existing deal on Sept. 4. He dressed in street clothes for the opener against the Jets as he made the adjustment to the outside receiver's slot opposite Michael Haynes. Andre caught only five passes for 53 yards combined versus the Redskins and Saints in the next two weeks. But he exploded at Chicago, grabbing 10 receptions for 177 yards and a personal best three TD's, including an acrobatic 71-yard scoring bomb. The 177 yards were also the highest single game output in his short but productive career. Showtime's other top games were at Miami (7-101), San Francisco (11-99), Los Angeles (8-99) and at SF (8-94). He also snared two TD's apiece in the victories over the Packers and Cardinals.

Most Receptions — First 4 Years

Andre Rison	308
Al Toon	292
Roger Craig	292

Most Receptions — 1992

Sterling Sharpe	103
Andre Rison	93
H. Jeffires	90
Jerry Rice	84
Curtis Duncan	82

Most Receptions — First 3 Years

Andre Rison	215
Sterling Sharpe	212
Tom Fears	212

Most Receiving Yards — 1992

Sterling Sharpe	1,461
Michael Irvin	1,396
Jerry Rice	1,201
Andre Rison	1,121
Fred Barnett	1,083

Pro Career

Rison and **Jerry Rice** are the ONLY players in the NFL to have *THREE STRAIGHT YEARS* of **80** or more catches and **10** or more TD's. Andre, Jerry and Michael Haynes are the only players in the League with 20 or more TD receptions the last two seasons. He has earned three consecutive trips to the Pro Bowl as one of the League's elite wide receivers, posting 256 receptions, 33 touchdowns, and 3,305 yards. In the last three years, "Dray's" catches are the third most behind Rice & Jeffires at 264 and second most in terms of TD's to Rice's 37. The All-Rookie selection in 1989 became the third fastest wide receiver in NFL annals to catch 100 passes as he hit the century mark in 24 League games. In Andre's first season in a black Falcons uniform he fit into the Red Gun offense right away, winning NFC Offensive Player of the Month honors for October of 1990 (26-501-6 TD, 3 100-yard games). Rison was traded to Atlanta from Indianapolis along with T Chris Hinton and a #1 pick (used for WR Mike Pritchard) for the #1 overall draft pick (QB Jeff George) prior to the '90 draft.

Wide Receivers in the 90's

<u>Player</u>	<u>Receptions</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD's</u>
Jerry Rice	264	3,909	37
Haywood Jeffires	264	3,142	24
Andre Rison	256	3,305	33
Sterling Sharpe	244	3,527	23
Drew Hill	224	2,751	12
Andre Reed	217	2,971	21
Ernest Givins	209	2,762	24
Gary Clark	209	3,364	23
Curtis Duncan	203	2,297	6
Eric Martin	197	2,756	14
Michael Irvin	191	3,332	20

Honors

- 1992:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3rd)
All-Pro — Associated Press (2nd), NEA (2nd)
- 1991:** Pro Bowl (2nd)
All-Pro — NEA, College and Pro Football Newsweekly
- 1990:** NFL Pro Bowl Starter
All-Pro — AP, Sporting News, Football News, PFWA, Pro Football Weekly, College & Pro Newsweekly, NEA, Sports Illustrated, The National UPI All-NFC
All-NFL — Football Digest
- 1989:** All-NFL rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI, College & Pro Newsweekly, Football Digest, Pro Football Weekly

Notebook

Andre's staggering numbers last year were even more eye popping when you consider he caught **88 passes in the last 13 games** after a slow start which included sitting out the first game of the season on the Commissioners Exempt List. He could have been chasing Art Monk's NFL record of 106 receptions right along with Sterling Sharpe. Rison plays in a highly competitive pro-am summer basketball league prior to training camp each year to get in shape for the rigors of the football season. Some of his teammates include pro players like Glen Rice (Heat) and Jeff Grayer (Bucks) along with former All-America Roy Marble. Rison showed off his athletic ability by participating in the Footlocker SlamFest this year. Rison flew two of his biggest fans over with him to Hawaii in mother Merdice and younger brother Reggie. Showing his caring side he signed autographs and posed for pictures with kids at an Army base, then played in a charity basketball game (No Hope with Dope) while in the 50th state. Andre's gregarious and outgoing personality makes him a fan favorite and landed him a starring role in a national Hardees commercial that included other NFL players like Joe Jacoby, Mark Carrier, and Jeff George. The confident performer bluntly told his mother one day, "The Lord put me on earth to go pro!" He is an intense competitor who has never missed a game due to injury, although he has played with a variety of injuries.

Rison in the Falcons Record Book
Most Catches in a Season

Andre Rison 93, 1992

Most 100-Yard Games

(tie) Andre Rison 5, 1990

Catches over 3 Game Period

Andre Rison 30, 1990

Most Catches by WR

Andre Rison 93, 1992

Most Cons. 100-Yard Games

Andre Rison 3, 1990

Most Points in a Game

Andre Rison 18 (tie)

College

Andre left Michigan State with a **school record** 146 receptions for 2,992 yards and 20 TD's. His record-breaking 1986 campaign established new MSU marks with an all-time season-best 54 catches and 966 yards. He is familiar to Georgia fans because he sliced through the Bulldog secondary for nine receptions for an eye-opening 252 yards with three scores in the Gator Bowl as a senior. He was at his best when facing the best as he boasted a 30.1 yards per catch average in three Bowl games. Rison's other top collegiate performance was an 11-catch, 196-yard receiving day against Indiana as a sophomore to set another mark. He accepted a scholarship to Michigan State so he could play basketball and he got on the hardwood for a total of 24 games for the Spartans under coach Jud Heathcote. He also ended up second in the conference long jump with a leap of over 24 feet.

Rison was born and raised in the Midwest in Flint, Michigan. His humble upbringing is the reason for his toughness. His mother Merdice was his main source of strength growing up and the pair remain very close today. He received his middle name, Previn, after the renowned pianist and composer and, ironically, he's following the same musical path as an aspiring singer and songwriter in his own right. The former No. 1 draft pick played eight different positions on the high school football field (WR, RB, QB, TE, S, CB, P, K) during his prep days and finished as an *All-state punter and All-American defensive back*. He was such an outstanding defender that he was named to *Street & Smith Magazine's 10-Year All-Anniversary First Team* in '92. The outfielder and pitcher on a national title touring AAU team in Fairmont, West Virginia, Rison was also an excellent hoops player. The all-state point guard helped guide his Northwestern High School squad to a 55-1 record, setting the school assist mark with 636. He dished the ball out to such players as Jeff Grayer (Bucks) and Glen Rice (Heat). He even carried his love for basketball to the next level as he saw action in 24 games for Michigan State under Jud Heathcote, playing alongside Steve Smith (Miami Heat) and Scott Skiles (Orlando Magic). Rison recently purchased a 15,000 square-foot home at the Country Club of the South which features 7 bedrooms, 6 fireplaces, a game room, and a 24-track recording studio. Needless to say, there's plenty of parking space for his 6 cars and 2 trucks.

NFL'S 90 CATCH CLUB

1.	Sterling Sharpe	G.B., 1992	108
2.	Art Monk	Washington, 1984	106
3.	Charley Hennigan	Houston, 1964	101
4.	Lionel Taylor	Denver, 1961	100
	Jerry Rice	S.F., 1990	100
	Haywood Jeffires	Houston, 1991	100
7.	Todd Christiansen	Raiders, 1986	95
8.	Andre Rison	Atlanta, 1992	93
	Michael Irvin	Dallas, 1991	93
	Al Toon	Jets, 1991	93
	Johnny Morris	Bears, 1964	93
12.	Roger Craig	S.F., 1984	92
	Todd Christiansen	Raiders, 1983	92
	Lionel Taylor	Denver, 1960	92
15.	Art Monk	Washington, 1985	91
	J.T. Smith	Cardinals, 1987	91
17.	Drew Hill	Houston, 1991	90
	Sterling Sharpe	G.B., 1989	90
	Haywood Jeffires	Houston, 1992	90

NFL's Best Touchdown Duo's

1992 Touchdown Duo's

- 21 Rison-Haynes, Falcons**
 19 Givins-Jeffries, Oilers
 15 Sharpe-J.Harris, Packers
 14 Rice-Jones, 49ers
 13 Barnett-Williams, Eagles
 12 Duper-K.Jackson, Dolphins
 12 Lofton-Metzelaars, Bills

1991 Touchdown Duo's

- 23 Rison-Haynes, Falcons**
 23 Rice-Taylor, 49ers
 18 Reed-Lofton, Bills
 18 Clark-Monk, Redskins
 17 Duper-Clayton, Dolphins
 12 Turner-Martin, Saints

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds.	Avg	LG	TD
1989	Indy	16/13	52	820	16.5	61	4	3	18	6.0	15	0
1990	Atl	16/15	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl	16/15	81	976	12.0	39t	12	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
1992	Atl.	15/13	93	1121	12.1	71t	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals:		63/56	308	4,125	13.4	75t	37	4	9	2.3	15	0
Playoff Totals:		2/2	11	118	10.7	24t	1	0	0	0	0	0

Rison's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
11 at S.F. (9-23-90)	177 at Chi (9-27-92)	75t S.F. (10-14-90)	3 at Chi (9-27-92)
11 S.F. (11-9-92)	172 S.F. (10-14-90)	71t at Chi (9-27-92)	3 T.B. (11-17-91)
10 at Chi (9-27-92)	161 at Rams (10-21-90)	71t at Rams (10-21-90)	2 G.B. (10-4-92)
10 N.O. (10-7-90)	154 N.O. (10-7-90)	70 at Rams (10-21-90)	2 at S.F. (10-13-91)
9 S.F. (10-14-90)	136 Clev (12-20-89)	61 Jets (11-19-89)	2 S.F. (10-14-90)
9 S.F. (10-14-90)	129 N.E. (10-28-89)	53t Clev (12-10-89)	2 N.O. (10-7-90)
8 G.B. (12-1-91)	128 at S.F. (9-23-90)	45 N.O. (10-7-90)	at Rams (10-21-90)
8 at S.F. (10-18-92)	124 GB (12-1-91)	40 at Clev (12-16-90)	2 G.B. (12-1-91)
8 Rams (11-1-92)	11 Total 100 Games	39t T.B. (11-17-91)	2 Phx (11-15-92)
7 six times		39 S.F. (10-13-91)	1 sixteen times
Kickoff Returns			
Number	Yards	Long	
3 Atl (9-24-89)	59 Atl (9-24-89)	30 Atl (9-24-89)	

Touchdowns Receiving Last 2 Years

1. Jerry Rice, S.F.	24
2. Andre Rison, Atlanta	23
3. Michael Haynes, Atlanta	21
4. Sterling Sharpe, G.B.	17
5. Haywood Jeffires, Houston	16
6. Gary Clark, Washington	15
Michael Irvin, Dallas	15
Ernest Givins, Houston	15

Touchdowns Receiving Last 3 Years

1. Jerry Rice, S.F.	37
2. Andre Rison, Atlanta	33
3. Haywood Jeffires, Houston	24
Ernest Givins, Houston	24
5. Sterling Sharpe, G.B.	23

MIKE RUETHER



Texas
8th Year
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 286
Born: 9-20-62

**GUARD/
CENTER**

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Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
March 15, 1990

Last Season

The usually versatile Mike Ruether was hampered by a bad ankle the entire year which limited his playing time. For example, he didn't see action on the Falcons front line until he logged time in six plays against the 49ers in Week 7. After getting in for a play the next week versus the Rams, he missed the following two games. His most extensive action came against the Patriots as he helped the Falcons to victory by opening up holes in 33 plays. He did manage to perform in every contest though by lining up on special teams.

Pro Career

The eight-year veteran enters the '92 season needing 13 more games played to bring his total to 100. He already surpassed the century mark if you count his USFL experience (of 34 games).

Mike was signed as a Plan B free agent in '90 due to his versatility on the line. No time was that more evident then in 1991 when he played right guard, left guard, center and started at tight end. His six total starting assignments were the most in his career as he helped the birds to their first post season Playoff appearance in nine years. After a stint with the LA Express, Ruether signed with the Cardinals on Sept. 30, 1986. He competed in 22 games for the Cardinals before being traded to the Broncos on Aug. 19, 1988 in exchange for Ricky Hunley. Mike played 17 games in a Denver uniform before being exposed to Plan B and being plucked away by the birds.

College

The intense competitor improved his center position each season for the Longhorns of Texas. By the time he was a senior, he was considered at the top of many pro draft boards at his position. Mike started his final two years in Austin, Texas and was a member of the Longhorns Bluebonnet Bowl ('80), Sun Bowl ('82) and Cotton Bowl ('83-'84) teams.

Notebook/Personal

Ruethers' roller-coaster career in professional football started when he was selected by Jim Kelly's Houston Gamblers in the USFL's territorial draft in '84. His rights were subsequently traded to the LA Express along with T Mark Adickes for second round picks in '85 and '86. The St. Louis Cardinals picked him in the first round of the NFL's supplemental draft in 1984 and retained his rights when he decided to turn his attention to the big leagues. So Mike was one of those players that performed in St. Louis and then in Phoenix when the Cards packed up for the west in '88. Ruether's football background dates back to his days in the Midwest of Kansas. He was an All-America and All-State selection for Bishop Miege High School in Shawnee Mission. He also was a two time state heavyweight wrestling champion as a prep and a competitor on the school's track team. A communications major at Texas, he and his wife, Marjorie, have a six-year-old son, Reece Austin and a two-year-old daughter, Ramsey Severin. Mike Runs his own marketing consultant business called RMI Management, which includes clients such as the Dallas Texans of the Arena League. He also is an independant marketer of Rexall products.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	USFL	34 Total	1984 (17), 1985 (17)
	NFL	87/8	1986 (10/1), 1987 (12/1), 1988 (14/0), 1989 (3/0), 1990 (16/0), 1991 (16/6) (2/0), 1992 (16/0)

DEION SANDERS



Florida State
5th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 185
Born: 8-9-67

CORNERBACK

21



Acquisition: 1st Round, 5th overall,
1989 Draft

Last Season

Deion Sanders continued to set new standards of excitement in '92. Whether it's running back kickoffs or blanketing the League's top receivers, Deion does everything in "Prime Time" fashion in a unique way that has made him one of the most popular players in the NFL. Let's take some time to chronicle "Prime Time's" achievements in another spectacular season for a player who's been labeled as *"the best athlete in professional sports."*

- Scampered **99 yards** for a touchdown off a kickoff return (**the longest in NFC**) the first time he touched the ball at Washington in Week 2.
- Dashed **73 yards** for another score off two laterals (from Roman Fortin & Tony Smith) at Buffalo in Week 12.
- Set a new **club record** with **245** return yards at New Orleans Week 14 on national TV, combining 6 KO returns for 190 yards with 55 yards off a lateraled interception. Also, knocked down two potential TD passes, to go along with 6 tackles, in possibly his finest overall game of his career.
- Hauled in first ever **receiving touchdown** from 37 yards away in his hometown state in Tampa Bay (Week 15) for his third TD of season.
- Picked off two passes (for second time in career) in spectacular fashion, recovered a fumble, and collared 4 tackles in a Week 13 win over New England.
- **Leading vote getter by his peers at two positions, cornerback and kick returner, for Pro Bowl**, but due to restrictions could only start at CB. But he still managed to get into the return business, collecting a 46 yard kickoff.
- **Led NFL in KOR average at 26.7** (among returners with more than 20 run backs), second-best in Falcons history, and led League in yards at **1,067**.
- **Totaled 11 plays of 30 or more yards** (8 KOR, 2 INT, 1 lateral)
- **Only player in NFL to catch a pass and run the ball on offense, intercept passes on defense, and return punts and kickoffs on special teams, making him a three way performer.**

- Named to Associated Press All-Pro first team as a returner and second team as cornerback.
- Missed Week 6 vs. 49ers playing in Game 2 of World Series in Atlanta and did not play in Week 9 showdown with Rams due to mid foot sprain in left foot.

Honors

- 1992: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, CB (starter) - 2nd time
All-Pro — Associated Press, returner (1st team)
CB (2nd team)
NEA, Sporting News, CB (1st team),
Sporting News, Football Digest, College & Pro Football Newsweekly, returner (1st team)
Pro Football Weekly/PFWA All-NFL, returner (1st team)
- 1991: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (starter), NFL Alumni Defensive Back of the Year
- 1989: All-NFL Rookie — Football Digest, PFWA
NFLPA Kick Returner of the Year

Pro Career

In his short career, Deion has been nothing short of an immediate impact player. With his 99-yard KOR TD against the Redskins last year, he became the **first player since Hall of Famer Bobby Mitchell (1958-61) to return a punt or kick for a score in four consecutive seasons.** Sanders is the holder of 12 club records for: longest PR (79 yards), most PR TD's (2), most KOR (133), most KOR yards (3,063), most KOR yards, game (190), most KOR TD's (3), longest KOR (100t), most interceptions for TD's (2), most combined return TD's (8), most combined return yards (3,967), most combined return yards, game (245), most combined returns (228). His All-NFL rookie season began with a bang as he hit a home run for the N.Y. Yankees on Sept. 5, signed his first football contract two days later, then returned a punt 68 yards for a score only 5:21 into his first game on Sunday. Living out a true sports fantasy, Deion played in the NLCS for the Braves one night and then started for the Falcons the next day in Miami. He helped the birds break Dan Marino's streak of 13 straight games with a TD pass.

Notebook

Commercial Success

Deion's immense popularity was enhanced when he signed a contract with Nike and appeared in two commercials. In his last "Sanders Claus" spot during the '92 holiday season, he enlisted the help of Falcons teammates Jamie Dukes, Tim Green, Darion Conner, Mike Gann and Houston Hoover who played the part of helpful elves. Sanders appeared for the second time on the Arsenio Hall Show in '93 to add to his earlier guest spots on David Letterman and 'Up Close' with Roy Firestone. He was the cover boy on *Sports Illustrated* two times last year to bring his total number to three. A host of a weekly cable show titled, *Deion's All-Stars*, he also

owns a hair salon with Dukes that bears his name and is located in Buckhead (GA.). His annual charity basketball game, *Prime Time Shoot-Out*, was held again to raise money for Atlanta's homeless as football and basketball stars from around the country chipped in for a worthy cause. Deion's #21 jersey and his various posters are big sellers in Atlanta and across the country. He also continues to market his own brand of Prime Time clothing that highlights his trademark lightning bolt figure.

They Said It

"The guy is just incredible. Even when he's doing it to us, he's fun to watch. Impressive. He's called 'Prime Time' for good reason."

— Saints' S Toi Cook

"Deion is simply a great cover guy!"

— Dolphins' QB Dan Marino

"With all of his speed and by coming up on me so fast, I felt like I was in a cartoon or something. I tried to throw a spin move on him, but he caught me halfway between my spin. He's fast, very fast."

— 49ers' RB Rickey Watters

"Sometimes you get caught up too much in the personality. But, this guy is a great defensive back. He's a superstar."

— CBS analyst John Madden

"He came up to me after the game and told me I played a good game, which was nice to hear. I didn't have to tell him that because he played a GREAT game."— Bills' spec. teamer Steve Tasker

This N' That

In an annual local newspaper poll of fans, Deion was the run away winner as **Georgia's best professional male athlete by a 2 to 1 margin over runner-up, Braves pitcher Tom Glavine.** In addition, his two-sport journey from Pittsburgh to Miami and back to Pittsburgh was voted the second-best story of the year, just behind the Braves returning to the World Series. Sanders' list of post season honors mounted this year when he was tabbed to the prestigious *All-Madden Team* for the first time. He received his **"Prime Time" nickname** from Bears CB Richard Fain in high school after his dunking exploits in a basketball game. The civic-minded performer presented the United Way with a check for \$10,000 in '91, the largest amount of money donated to charity by an Atlanta athlete ever. At Super Bowl XXVII in Pasadena, CA., Deion donated his time with friend Hammer for a children's clinic at the site of NFL Experience. He also takes time to speak to kids at schools throughout the Atlanta area and the southeast with his anti-drug, stay in school message. Deion even flew to Nashville, Tennessee to address 5,000 youngsters at a statewide Governors Conference for a Drug Free Tennessee. He was honored during the off-season in his hometown of Ft. Myers, Florida that held a "Deion Sanders Day." He returned during spring training with the Braves and led a march through downtown against drug abuse and crime.

Pro Baseball Career

Deion began '92 as the Braves' leadoff hitter. He had a *14-game hitting streak* (24-59, .407) from April 7 to April 20 which included six triples, four doubles, a homer, and four stolen bases. His early feats even landed him on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. He became the *first player in Major League history to lead the league in triples despite playing in under 100 games* when

he finished with 14. Deion ended up with a .304 BA, a .495 slugging %, 6 HR's, 28 RBI's, and 26 thefts, in 97 games. In the **World Series**, he was the Braves best hitter with a **.538 BA** (8 for 15), and **his six steals tied a record** with Otis Nixon for a six-game series. Sanders spurned an offer from the Kansas City Royals (\$75,000) after being drafted out of high school to attend Florida State on a football scholarship. He was selected again by the New York Yankees in 1988 on the 30th round in the free agent draft. He was released by New York on Sept. 26 and he signed a minor league contract with the Atlanta Braves on Jan. 30, 1991, expressing a desire to play two pro sports in the same city. He earned an opening day start in left field against the Dodgers, hitting leadoff, to become the first player to play baseball and football on the same field since 1945, when Steve Filipowicz performed as an outfielder for the New York Giants and running back for the football Giants at the Polo Grounds. He also became the first pro athlete to play two sports for teams in the same city since Gene Conley played for the 1960-61 Boston Celtics and pitched for the 1961 Boston Red Sox.

College

One of the most celebrated athletes to come out of college in years, Deion lived up to his billing by winning the **Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back**. The two-time All-America paced the country in punt returns with an average of 15.2 as a senior and established school records with 1,429 yards and 287 interception return yardage. Sanders collected six touchdowns in his career off returns (three by thefts and three by punts) and registered 14 lifetime pickoffs. "Prime Time" also showed off his 4.27 40 speed as a track sprinter, qualifying for the **Olympic Trials**, and on the baseball diamond, where the outfielder was a member of a **College World Series** team. One of the most famous stories concerning Deion's versatility in college came when he played in a Metro Conference baseball game one day, ran to the track to run a leg with the 400 meter relay team (while wearing his baseball pants), then returned in time to slap the game-winning hit in the Seminoles second tournament game. Sanders was never on the losing end of four Bowl games in his career in Tallahassee.

Personal

As you can imagine, Deion Luwynn Sanders was quite an athlete as a youth in Ft. Myers, Florida. He was part of a national championship pop Warner team, the Rebels, while also competing in any other sport he could, including basketball and baseball. At North Ft. Myers High School, the left-handed option quarterback passed for 839 yards during his senior campaign and ran for 499 more yards, including a career high of 133 in one game. Of course, he also picked off four passes when they threw his way in the secondary playing both ways for the Red Knights. He showed his versatility at a young age by being named to Florida's all-state teams in basketball (averaging 24 points a contest) and baseball. He added another sport to his resumé in college, when he was named the Metro Conference's Most Valuable Performer for winning the individual 100 and 200 meter crown in his first season of track. He was also part of a formidable 4x100 relay team along with NFLers Sammie Smith, Dexter Carter and world class runner Arthur Blake. His mother, Constance Knight, is his closest confidant and biggest fan. He bought her a brand new house with the earnings from his first pro contract. To no one's surprise, Deion's heroes growing up were excellent athletes in their own right: Julius Erving, O.J. Simpson, Lynn Swann, Walter Payton and Hank Aaron. On the speaking circuit, he

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provides kids with a **good example by practicing what he preaches by not smoking, drinking or doing drugs.** The light of his life is his three-year-old daughter Diondra.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Receptions					Interceptions				
			No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl.	15-10	-	-	-	-	-	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Atl.	16-16	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0	3	153	51.0	82t	2
1991	Atl.	16-15	1	17	17.0	17	0	6	119	19.8	48t	1
1992	Atl.	13/12	3	45	15.0	37t	1	3	105	35.0	55	0
Totals:		60-53	5	54	10.8	37t	1	17	429	25.2	82t	3

Year	Team	Punt Returns						Kickoff Returns					
		No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
1989	Atl.	28	7	307	11.0	68t	1	35	725	20.7	72	0	
1990	Atl.	29	13	250	8.6	79t	1	39	851	21.8	50	0	
1991	Atl.	21	9	170	8.1	23	0	26	576	20.7	100t	1	
1992	Atl.	13	9	41	3.2	14	0	40	1067	26.7	99t	2	
Totals:		91	38	768	8.4	79t	2	140	3219	23.0	100t	3	

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Tackles		FF	Sacks	PD
				Solo	Asst.			
1989	Atl.	15/10	39	28	11	2	0	8
1990	Atl.	16/16	50	31	19	0	0	18
1991	Atl.	16/15	49	35	14	2	1	14
1992	Atl.	13/12	66	44	22	2	0	4
Totals:		60/53	204	138	66	6	1	44

Playoff Totals:

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles				PD	Interceptions				LG	TD
			No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks		No.	Yds.	Avg.			
1991	Atl	2/2	10	6	4	0	2	1	31	31.0	31	0	
Year	Team	GP/GS	Punt Returns				TD	Kickoff Returns				LG	TD
			No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.		LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.		
1991	Atl	3	0	33	11.0	22	0	6	124	20.7	32	0	

Top Yardage Games, Career

245	at N.O.	12/3/92	(190 KOR, 55 Int)
157	Wash.	12/17/89	(109 KOR, 48 Int)
152	at Buff.	11/22/92	(152 KOR)
140	at S.F.	10/13/92	(127 KOR, 13 Int)
<i>(16 Total 100 yards or better games)</i>			

Sanders' Personal Bests

Punt Returns

Number	Yards	Long	TD
6 at N.O.(11-25-90)	83 LA Rams (9-10-89)	79t Cin (10-28-90)	1 Rams (9-10-89)
6 at N.O. (12-3-92)	79 Cinc (10-28-90)	68t LA Rams (9-10-89)	1 Cin (10-28-90)
4 at NYJ (11-26-89)		36 Wash (12-17-89)	
4 at Chi (11-11-90)	Average	23 at S.D. (9-15-91)	
4 Dallas (12-30-90)	79.0 Cin (10-28-90)	22 at N.O. (12-27-91)	
4 at Rams (12-27-92)	41.5 LA Rams (9-10-89)		

KO Returns

Number	Yards	Average	Long (3 TD's)
6 at Buf (11-22-92)	190 at N.O. (12-3-92)	57.5 at Wash (9-13-92)	100t at SF (10-13-91)
6 at Rams (10-21-90)	152 at Buf f (11-22-92)	42.3 at SF (10-13-91)	99t at Wash (9-13-92)
6 at N.O. (12-3-92)	127 at SF (10-13-91)	41.5 Pats (10-15-89)	73t at Buf (11-22-92)
6 at Rams (12-27-92)	121 at Rams(10-21-90)	38.5 Rams (12-23-90)	72 at N.O. (10-29-89)
5 SF (10-14-90)	121 Dallas (12-21-92)	37.0 at Chi (9-27-92)	60 Pats (10-15-89)
5 Wash(12-17-89)	121 at Rams (12-27-92)	33.5 at TB (12-2-90)	60 at N.O. (12-13-92)
5 at Chi (11-11-90)	119 at Dallas (12-22-91)	32.0 at N.O. (10-29-89)	55 at Chi (9-27-92)
5 Dallas (12-22-92)	115 at Wash (9-13-92)	32.0 at Pitt. (11-4-90)	50 Rams (12-23-90)
	111 at Chi (9-27-92)	31.7 at N.O. (12-3-92)	50 at N.O. (12-3-92)
	109 Wash(12-17-89)		
	102 SF (10-14-90)		

Interceptions

Number	Yards	TD
2 Seattle (12-15-91)	82t Houston (9-9-90)	1 Houston (9-9-90)
2 N.E. (11-29-92)	61t Dallas (12-30-90)	1 Dallas (12-30-90)
1 (13 times)	55t Seattle (12-15-91)	
	55 at N.O. (12-3-92)	

ELBERT SHELLEY



Arkansas State
7th Year
Ht: 5'11" Wt: 185
Born: 12-24-64

Acquisition: 11th Round, 292nd
Overall, 1987 Draft

CORNERBACK

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Last Season

This *special* special teamer was afforded the highest compliment when he was voted by his NFL counterparts as the **NFC's lone special team representative in the Pro Bowl**. Elbert was the Falcons team leader with 21 tackles, five ahead of the closest competitor. Because of his reputation, often times Shelley had to fight through double teams to get to the ball carrier. He was all over the field against New England, registering 5 tackles on "teams" in Week 13, and had another 3 stops in Week 3 versus the Saints. He recorded two tackles each vs. the Bears, 49ers, Buccaneers and Rams in his other top games. Elbert missed time with a sprained ankle and hamstring pull but saw action in 13 games in his 6th season.

Pro Career

Shelley brought his *special* totals to 57 special teams tackles in his career with another 21 stops in '92. His play was enhanced when the Falcons began to emphasize the "teams" under Glanville in '90. The 11th round draft pick turned heads on special teams as a rookie when he knocked the ball from a Cowboy kick returner and took it in for a score to help the birds prevail 20-10 at Texas Stadium. His forced fumble off a Green Bay kickoff return in the final quarter was picked up by teammate Joe Fishback, who raced 16 yards for a score, to bring the Falcons back on their way to an eventual victory in '91. Elbert was named a first alternate to the Pro Bowl in '90 and '91 before receiving the nod last year, so other clubs have appreciated his play for some time. He was moved to the corner in '91 after starting his career at safety.

Notebook

The weightlifting fanatic is proud of his chiseled body and revels in his nickname "Brick" by his Falcon mates. He received the itch to pump iron as a hobby in between summers at college in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The 185-pounder can leg press 700 pounds, 10 times, and once bench pressed 335 pounds. Shelley loves to work on cars when he's not throwing around weights. His '84 Ram D-50 truck is a pet project of his since college. He often will enter the truck in shows and it is quite a sight with its chrome 350 engine, chrome front grill and fender, and '67 Ford Mustang rear.

College

The running back turned defensive back accumulated 103 tackles as a two-year starter for the Indians of Arkansas State. Elbert also picked off six passes for 75 return yards from his strong safety position and forced four fumbles and recovered three others while also showing a penchant for playing special teams. In his first and only season in the ASU backfield as a freshman, he gained 62 yards on 8 carries with runs of 30 and 24 yards and one TD.

Personal

The 11th round draftee was the 11th child in a family of 12 kids to Herbert and Clytee Shelley. Elbert Vernell could have received his toughness from his brothers or sisters or the fact that he was born through a mid-wife rather than at the hospital. A rugged running back at Truman High School, he toted the pigskin for 1,687 yards and 21 TD's to lead the team to the state playoffs for the first time in a decade. He also rushed for 100 yards in 16 of his last 20 games. As a 5-10 center the native of Tyronza, Arkansas was the team's MVP on the basketball court during his senior campaign. He even had enough time to run a leg on the school's record breaking mile relay squad.

CHUCK SMITH



Tennessee
2nd Year
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 246
Born: 12-21-69

LINEBACKER/
DE

90



Acquisition: 2nd round, 51st
overall, 1992 Draft

Last Season

Chuck Smith's intensity was very evident whenever he took the field in his rookie season of '92. The hard working Smith fulfilled the role of a reserve down lineman and special teams kamikaze in all 16 games. Chuck progressed throughout the year, culminating in seven tackles, two QB sacks, and a pair of QB pressures in the season finale at Los Angeles. He led the team with 4 QB pressures each against the Bears and Packers. His other top games were four tackles vs. Saints on national television, and 3 apiece vs. 49ers and Buccaneers, to total 30 on the year. Smith also tallied 16 pressures, fourth-best on club, to go along with his 2 sacks and pair of batted balls. An enthusiastic presence on just about every special teams unit, including a blocking assignment on kickoff returns, he ended sixth on the team with 9 tackles.

College

Chuck was the second University of Tennessee defensive player off their successful '92 team to get drafted in the first two rounds. The All-SEC defensive end accumulated 111 tackles, 13.5 QB sacks, 19 tackles for losses, and 23.5 batted balls, in his two year stay in Knoxville. He transferred to Tennessee after two years at Northwestern Oklahoma A&M where he collected over 120 tackles in leading his club to a national top ten ranking each season. He exhibited the quickness and tenacity which made him a high draft pick in the Senior Bowl by collaring three sacks, a forced fumble, and a blocked extra point in the post season all star game in front of NFL scouts.

Notebook/Personal

Charles Henry III is a nearby native of Athens, GA. He found his niche on a powerful defense at Clarke Central High that won the state title and boasted the country's #2 ranked team in 1985 with a perfect 15-0 season. He ran track for coach Ken Chandler in the 200 meters and on the relay teams and he credits Chandler for helping him with his speed and footwork. A Falcons fan all his life, he sized up the birds defense first hand before he was drafted by attending a pair of the club's game in their final season in Fulton County Stadium in '91. Former Volunteer legendary coach Johnny Majors called Smith and fellow end Chris Mimms... *"The two best ends I ever coached."* Chuck elicited the services of former Tennessee pass rusher Reggie White to help him improve his skills. An avid lifter, he worked his way up from an initial bench press of 300 to 365 and a squat from 380 to 535.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	Spec.	Teams
1992	Atlanta	16/0	30	13	17	2	16	0	1	9	

FALCONS IN UNIFORM:

"BACK IN BLACK"

Jersey: This is the same jersey worn in the Falcons first season in 1966. Black with white letters outlined in red. Sleeve features Falcon logo on each sleeve. The white number with red trim is on the shoulders. The white jersey has black letters and numbers trimmed in red. The sleeves feature the Falcon logo trimmed in red.

Pants: Gray with shiny front with a red stripe down each leg, bordered by two thinner white stripes, bordered by two wider black stripes and completed with a black belt.

Socks: Solid black over white.

Shoes: White with black trim.

Helmet: Black with a black face mask. The black Falcon logo is outlined in white on both sides of the helmet that has no stripes.

TONY SMITH



Acquisition: 1st round, 19th overall,
1992 Draft

So. Mississippi
2nd Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 224
Born: 6-29-70

**RUNNING
BACK**

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Last Season

In Tony's initial season in the NFL he finished second on the club with 329 rushing yards, with two touchdowns. His 3.8 rushing average was also second behind only Steve Broussard's 4.3. On the Falcons *first play from scrimmage* in the regular season opener at the Georgia Dome, Tony gained **32 yards. It was the longest run by a Falcons back all season.** He ended up with 40 yards on only three carries in his pro debut against the Jets. Smith's 81 yards on just 10 totes in the win over the Patriots was his best of the season and included a 29 yard TD jaunt. He was also a threat as a returner piling up 172 yards on seven kickoffs and 155 more on 16 punts. His longest returns on the year came versus the Rams in Week 9 with a **60 yard KOR** and a **45 yard PR.** Tony also recorded a 38 yard KOR vs. 49ers and a 30 yard PR vs. Patriots. His best overall output of the year was a **163 all purpose day** (58 rush, 105 returns) in that victory over the Rams followed by **156 yards** combined against the Patriots (81 rush, 75 PR). Tony's first NFL TD came in that Patriot's game when he put the Falcons on the scoreboard with a two yard burst into the end zone in the first quarter. Smith's rookie year of promise was also marked by a series of lingering injuries. During the season he injured both ankles, right knee, ribs, groin, elbow and hip before ending his '92 campaign on Injured Reserve with a medial collateral sprain of that right knee on December 22.

Rookie Smith's Longest Runs

60 yard KOR vs. LA Rams	(11-1-92)
45 yard PR vs. LA Rams	(11-1-92)
38 yard KOR at S.F.	(10-18-92)
32 yard rush vs. N.Y. Jets	(9-6-92)
30 yard PR vs. N.E.	(11-29-92)
29 yard rush vs. N.E.	(11-29-92)

College

Explosive Tony averaged 110 yards per game as a senior and averaged 5.1 yards every time he carried the ball for Southern Mississippi. The dangerous returner scored two touchdowns each via punts and kickoffs while holding a 26.6 KOR and 12.1 PR career averages. His impressive college resumé included long touchdown runs of 81 yards (rushing), 82, 80 (kickoffs), and 63 and 45 (punt). By the time the talented runner's Golden Eagle career was over, he accounted for **3,887 all-purpose yards** with 17 TD's. Smith ended his college career by winning the MVP award for his outstanding play at the Senior Bowl with 72 yards on 12 carries.

Notebook

Terrific Tony's senior season in college was so successful that he actually averaged more yards per game (164.6) than Desmond Howard (159.0), who captured the Heisman Trophy as the top collegiate player in the land. Smith became only the fourth player ever in Southern Miss history and the first since Louis Lipps of the Steelers in '84 to be selected in the 1st round of the NFL draft. On the strength of his senior season, he was the *second running back chosen in the entire draft* behind Tommy Vardell of Stanford who was chosen by Cleveland Browns with the ninth pick. The Falcons, ironically, used the draft choice they obtained by trading another Southern Miss product, Brett Favre, to the Packers in order to select Smith. He joined other prominent USM players in the pros like Ray Guy and Hanford Dixon.

Personal

Tony was born in Chicago, Illinois but reared in Vicksburg, Mississippi by James and Vera Patterson. At a big draft day party, which included 40 friends, relatives and media, the usually stoic Smith literally cried when he was picked by the Falcons. It was at Warren Central High where the All-State back first flashed his nifty open field running skills. He dazzled with a 99-yard punt return and a 78-yarder as a prep. Tony has two brothers, J.J. Patterson, 18, and Justin Patterson, 11.

Career Statistics

Year	Rushing					Receiving					
	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1992	14/5	87	329	3.8	32	2	2	14	7.0	8	0
Totals:		87	329	3.8	32	2	2	14	7.0	8	0

Year	KO Returning					Punt Returns				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1992	7	172	24.6	60	0	16	155	9.7	45	0
Totals:	7	172	24.6	60	0	16	155	9.7	45	0

Smith's Personal Bests

Rushing

Number	Yards	Long
19 Rams (11-1-92)	81 N.E. (11-29-92)	32 Jets (9-6-92)
10 N.E. (11-29-92)	58 Rams (11-1-92)	29 N.E. (11-29-92)
10 at T.B. (12-13-92)	40 Jets (9-6-92)	18 N.E. (11-29-92)
9 S.F. (11-9-92)	36 S.F. (11-9-92)	11 Twice (Rams, Chargers)

Receiving

Number	Yards	Long
1 N.O. (9-20-92)	8 N.O. (9-20-92)	8 N.O. (9-20-92)
1 at T.B. (12-13-92)	6 at T.B. (12-13-92)	6 at T.B. (12-13-92)

Kickoff Returns

Number	Yards	Long
4 at S.F. (10-18-92)	72 at S.F. (10-18-92)	60 Rams (11-1-92)
	60 Rams (11-1-92)	38 at S.F. (10-18-92)
	23 at Bills (11-21-92)	21 at Bills (11-21-92)

Punt Returns

Number	Yards	Long
5 N.E. (11-29-92)	75 N.E. (11-29-92)	45 Rams (11-1-92)
4 at T.B. (12-13-92)	45 Rams (11-1-92)	30 N.E. (11-29-92)

Combined Total Yards

163 (58 rush, 60 KOR, 45 PR) Rams (11-1-92)
 156 (81 rush, 75 PR) N.E. (11-29-92)

Just a Passing Fancy

TD Passes, Club Record

33 1992 Season
 31 1980 Season
 30 1991 Season
 30 1981 Season
 24 1983 Season

Completions, Club Record

336 1992 Season
 321 1983 Season
 312 1989 Season
 311 1981 Season
 294 1984 Season

Passing Yards, Club Record

3,700 1981 Season
3,635 1992 Season
 3,514 1989 Season
 3,461 1990 Season
 3,449 1991 Season

JESSE SOLOMON



Florida State
8th Year
Ht: 6'0" Wt: 235
Born: 11-4-63

Acquisition: Unrestricted
Free Agent

LINEBACKER

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Last Season

Jesse Solomon was a key waiver pick-up on Sept. 1 as he earned a starting linebacker spot in 14 games for the Falcons, while seeing time in all 16 games. Solomon finished 3rd on his new club with 147 tackles, tied for 2nd in QB sacks with 4.5, 5th in QB pressures with 10, and also had one interception to his totals. He tied his NFL career high with 17 tackles in Week 2 at Washington. Jesse tallied 16 stops vs Dallas, 15 vs Saints, and 13 vs 49ers, with a 1/2 sack. He also chipped in with 10 tackles, with a 6-yard QB sack, at Chicago and 9 stops, with an interception at Buffalo.

Pro Career

Solomon is playing for his fourth NFL team after coming over from a one-year stint with the Buccaneers. He began his career in Minnesota in 1986, starting 34 games for the Vikings in four seasons. He was part of the six player deal that brought Herschel Walker to the Vikings from the Cowboys in '89. After four games in a Minnesota uniform, he switched to the Cowboys colors and played in 11 games, with 43 tackles. A contract dispute relegated him to spot duty after he missed the first seven games of the year in '90. He was traded to the New England Patriots on Sept. 17, 1991, but a day later was dealt to the Bucs. He had 15 tackles in his initial game in Tampa Bay and went on to start the season's final 12 games and established a then personal-best of 128 tackles. With four more games played, Jesse will run his NFL total to 100 games. He has 685 lifetime tackles and two touchdowns off interceptions.

Year-by-Year

1991: He averaged 9.8 tackles per contest as a middle linebacker in the Bucs 4-3 defense. He ended up second behind Broderick Thomas with the second best season of his pro career with 128 stops. Jesse compiled a season-high 16 tackles at New Orleans and 15 tackles, one for a loss, versus his former Minnesota teammates.

1990: He sat out the Cowboys first seven games in a contract hassle and was a situational linebacker on passing downs when he returned.

1989: Solomon started two of the Vikings first four contests before being traded to Dallas. He split time with Ken Norton at weakside LB, collecting 28 solos out of 43 tackles, while appearing in 11 games for his new team.

1988: He was in the lineup for all 16 games and paced the Vikes with 96 solo tackles. He was third on the team with his 124 overall stops, with a personal-best four pickoffs, and two recovered fumbles. His highlights included a 78-yard interception return touchdown vs. Saints, along with 10 tackles and a sack, to earn NFC Co-Defensive Player of the Week accolades.

1987: A starter in every game, he ranked second on the team with 126 tackles in 12 non-strike contests. He was atop the club's leader board in tackles in five games and added three forced fumbles and a pick to the cause.

1986: The rookie saw action in 13 games, with four starts, and was third on team charts with 96 tackles. He also was a standout on special teams with 24 stops.

Notebook

Jesse has been a part of two trades, most notably the six player swap with the Vikings for Herschel Walker. In addition, he was dealt from the Cowboys to the Patriots on Sept. 17, 1991 for a 6th round choice, but then day later was traded to the Buccaneers for a 5th round selection. The Falcons also inducted another member into their Florida State alumni when they picked up Solomon as he joins Deion Sanders, Jamie Dukes, Howard Dinkins, and '93 draft pick Shannon Baker as ex-Seminole in Suwanee. He opened up a sports store in Tallahassee last season and several NFL players, including Sanders, turned out for the gala grand opening. Last season, Jesse had one of his finest days against his former Buccaneer teammates. He registered 12 tackles and a sack of Vinny Testaverde on defense and carried the ball for a 12-yard long.

College

Jesse was a walk-on at Florida State after transferring from North Madison (FL) Junior College. He didn't play football at the JUCO level and was on the scout team in his first season as a Seminole in '84. He recorded 99 tackles in two years at FSU, including two fumble recoveries and an interception. His lone touchdown came off a blocked kick in the end zone against Tulane in '84.

Personal

Jesse Williams Solomon is a Florida native having been born and raised in Madison. He lettered one time in football and twice in track at Madison High. He was named the communities "Outstanding Citizen" by virtue of establishing a scholarship program to benefit two student-athletes each year. Jesse also collects shoes for high school athletic programs in Madison and Tallahassee. He was one of five people to be presented with the state of Florida's Distinguished Community College Alumni Award by Governor Leroy Collins for his impact in the local area, especially with his work with racial issues.

Solomon has a Political Science degree from FSU and is undergoing work on his graduate degree in counseling at Valdosta State College in the offseason.

SOLOMON/TIPPINS

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total Tackles	Solo	Assist	Sacks	QB Pressures	Fumbles Cad./Rec.	Interceptions No.	Yds.	TD
1986	Minn.	13/4	96	70	26	0	N/A	1/2	2	34	0
1987	Minn.	12/12	126	96	30	2	N/A	3/1	1	30	0
1988	Minn.	16/16	124	96	28	2.5	N/A	1/2	4	84	1
1989	Minn.	4/2	8	6	2	0	N/A	0/0	0	0	0
1989	Dall.	11/1	43	28	15	0	1	1/0	0	0	0
1990	Dall.	9/0	13	10	3	1	1	2/0	0	0	0
1991	TB	13/12	128	91	37	0	1	0/1	0	0	0
1992	Atl.	16/14	147	78	69	4.5	10	1/0	1	13	0
Totals		94/61	685	475	210	10	13	9/6	8	161	1

Solomon's Personal Bests

Tackles

17 at Wash. (9-13-92)
17 vs. G.B. (12-11-88)

Longest Int. Returns

78t vs. N.O. (12-4-88)
30 vs. Rams (9-20-86)

KEN TIPPINS



Middle Tenn. St.
5th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 235
Born: 7-22-66

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 9,
1990

LINEBACKER

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Last Season

Ken had his finest NFL season in '92 with personal bests of 115 tackles, three QB sacks, and seven QB pressures. "Tip" was a full time starter for the first time in his Falcons career as he received the opening call in 15 out of his 16 games played. His top games were a 12 tackle performance at Washington and a 12 tackle, one QB sack day in the victory over Phoenix. In

addition, he had a career-high 2 sacks (along with six tackles) at Tampa Bay and 11 stops in the hard-fought re-match with the Saints. The fifth-highest overall tackler on the club continued to be a force on special teams, finishing third on the team with 16 stops.

Pro Career

Tippins enters his fifth season with a streak of **48 straight games** played. His NFL production has increased every season from 6 tackles in six games in '89 to a career-high 115 in '92. Last season was his first year with over 100 tackles. His initial seasoning in the League came with the Cowboys Developmental Squad. The Falcons snatched him up as a free agent after the '89 season and he's found a home in the club's aggressive "Black Wave" defense. An adept special teamer, he has collected 65 tackles in three years with the birds.

Notebook

The native Georgian from Adel has utilized the quintessential blue collar mentality to earn a spot on an NFL roster. He carved a niche for himself through his play on special teams. In Atlanta, where special teams is emphasized as much as offense and defense, Tippins has been a vital member of the special forces. He has worn the coveted "Hit the Beach" Marines helmet for distinguished play on two occasions. On one of them, he performed the "Hiyacuh" maneuver, jumping on the blocking wedge on a kickoff return. His best day on 'teams' was versus the Cardinals in 1990 when he registered four solo tackles. As his role in the defensive scheme has increased over the last two years, he has broken his personal-best each season.

College

Tip" was a two-time All-Ohio Valley conference selection at defensive end for the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. He collected 151 tackles, with 20 stops behind the line of scrimmage, and nine QB sacks as a three-year starter. His best college game came versus Eastern Kentucky as he registered 11 tackles, a sack, an interception and two recovered fumbles.

Personal

Ken has had the luxury of playing both high school and pro ball in the state of Georgia. A product of Cooks High in Adel, he was an all-county selection as a defender. The athletic Tippins also averaged 19 points a contest on the hardwood and broke the school's long jump record with a leap of 21-9. The little-known Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State has produced other NFLers like Don Griffin (Niners), Dwight Stone (Steelers) and David Little (Chiefs/Eagles).

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Sacks	Hurries	Int.	PD	FF	Spec. Teams	
			No.	Solo	Asst.						FR	No.
1989	Dall	6/0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1990	Atl	16/2	35	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
1991	Atl	16/7	72	32	40	1	6	1	2	1	1	21
1992	Atl	16/15	115	56	59	3	9	0	2	0	0	16
Totals:		54/24	228	113	115	4	15	1	4	1	1	67
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/2	20	13	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Tippin's Personal Bests

Tackles

13 at N.O. (11-25-90)
at Wash. (1-4-91)
12 at Cleve. (12-16-91)
at Wash. (9-13-92)
Phoenix (11-15-92)
11 at N.O. (12-3-92)

Sacks

2 at T.B. (12-13-92)
1 Seattle (12-15-91)
Phoenix (11-15-92)

F.R.

1 N.O. (9-29-91)
(23-yard TD)

Interceptions

1 at Dallas (12-22-91)

BILLY JOE TOLLIVER



Texas Tech
5th Year
Ht: 6'1" Wt: 218
Born: 2-7-66

QUARTERBACK

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Acquisition: Trade with San Diego
Chargers, August 28, 1991

Last Season

Once again, Billy Joe stepped in when needed and aided the Falcons' cause. When Chris Miller was felled with a knee injury against the Rams in Week 9, Tolliver took control of the helm and

led the birds to a come-from-behind victory. He completed 6 of 11 passes for 86 yards and connected with Michael Haynes with the **game winning touchdown** from 13 yards out, with just over two minutes remaining, to claim the 30-28 victory. His first stint of the year came at San Francisco in Week 7, relieving Miller with 5 out of 10 completions for 60 yards. **Billy Joe passed the Falcons to a 34-0 blanking** of the Patriots with a 9 for 18 performance for 107 yards and two TD's en route to a 24-0 showing at halftime. "Shotgun" also **helped to gun down the Cardinals in Week 11** with a 16 of 24 passing day for 209 yards and two scores in the 20-17 decision. For the year, Billy Joe **started five** out of his nine games played and completed 73 of 131 passes (56%) for 787 yards, with five TD's, and five interceptions. He enters '93 with an *active streak of 56 consecutive passes without an interception*, last throwing one in the first quarter at Buffalo in Week 12.

Pro Career

The 27-year-old signal caller has started **26 NFL games** in four seasons. He switched from the west coast to the Atlantic coast when he was traded by San Diego to Atlanta three days prior to the season opener in '91 (for a 5th round draft choice). As a Charger, he had a 350-yard (24-39) day against Washington, with a pair of TD's, and a 305-yard (22-48) effort versus Denver in his rookie season. He ended up completing 89 of his 185 attempts for 1,097 yards and five TD's in five starts in '89. His sophomore campaign included 14 starts, 2,574 passing yards, 16 TD's, and 216 completions. Billy Joe's second season as a pro also saw him go through a stretch where he completed *140 straight passes without a pick* in '90, the second longest streak in team history (next to Dan Fouts' mark of 168). A broken collarbone in the preseason finale cut short his debut until Oct. 21, 1989. Billy Joe has **three career 300-yard games, six games with 20 or more completions, and 10 games with two TD's passing**.

Notebook

Tolliver was the third quarterback selected in the '89 draft following Troy Aikman and Mike Elkins. The Chargers coveted him so much that they traded away third, fourth, and seventh round picks to the Giants for the right to take him. The first time he played in a pro game he started (coming off Injured Reserve) against the Redskins on Oct. 29, 1989. He threw for the 4th highest total ever by a rookie in that game, with 350 yards through the air (only Troy Aikman, 379, Kelly Stouffer, 370, and Vinny Testaverde, 369, tossed more). Billy Joe followed up that effort by being the only QB to rack up 300 yards on a Denver defense (#3 in NFL) for the season. The freckle faced, red haired, hard throwing Texan is known as "Shotgun" to the folks of Boyd, Texas (pop. 1,189).

College

Big Billy Joe holds just about every passing record at Texas Tech, including completions with 493, touchdowns with 38, yards with 6,756 and attempts with 1,007. The All-Southwest

TOLLIVER

Conference honoree earned the starting spot as a freshman and played for three different head coaches in his time at the Lubbock, Texas school. As a senior, he threw for 2,869 yards and 20 TD's. He showed Red Raider fans he was something special in his first collegiate start as he set a conference record with 422 yards against TCU. He finished his college career the way it began, by throwing for 456 yards versus Oklahoma State.

Personal

The ode to Billy Joe is still a proud subject when you talk sports to the people in his home town of Boyd, Texas (Boyd has one traffic light, one hamburger stand, one police officer, and one doctor). After all, he led the Yellowjackets of Boyd High School to the '83 Texas state Class AA championship. His name is still the first one acknowledged on a billboard hailing the champions. Tolliver's antics are legendary in the town. They began as early as the fourth grade when he began driving the family's '66 Ford pickup truck, and they continued on as the quarterback, kicker and punter garnered the *Forth Worth Star Telegram's* Player of the Year honors. The fireballer used his 92 m.p.h. fastball to toss 14 no-hitters in going 16-4 for the baseball team. Off the gridiron, B.J. concentrates on perfecting his golf swing whenever the opportunity presents itself (rain or shine). He and his wife Sheila have a son named Austin and a daughter named Mackenzie.

Career Statistics

Passing

Year	Team	GP/GS	Comp	Att	Pct. Comp	Yds	TD	Pass %TD	LG	Int	%Int	Avg.	Rtg.
1989	S.D.	5/5	89	185	48.1	1097	5	2.7	49	8	4.3	5.9	57.9
1990	S.D.	15/14	216	410	52.7	2574	16	3.9	45t	16	3.9	6.3	68.9
1991	Atl.	7/2	40	82	48.8	531	4	4.9	75t	2	2.4	6.5	75.8
1992	Atl.	9/5	73	131	55.7	787	5	3.8	30t	5	3.8	6.0	70.4
Totals:		36/26	418	808	51.7	4989	30	3.7	75t	31	3.8	6.2	67.3

Rushing

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1989	S.D.	5/5	7	0	0.0	3
1990	S.D.	15/14	14	22	1.6	10
1991	Atl.	7/2	9	6	0.7	0
1992	Atl.	9/5	3	16	5.3	0
Totals:		36/26	33	44	1.3	13

Tolliver's Personal Bests

Passing Attempts

51 at Denver (12-16-90)
 Jets (12-3-89)
 48 Denver (12-24-89)
 39 at Wash. (12-10-89)
 38 Cinn. (9-16-90)
 at K.C. (11-18-90)
 30 at K.C. (12-17-89)
 31 at Wash. (11-10-91)

Gross Yards

350 at Wash. (12-10-89)
 308 at Denver (12-16-90)
 305 Denver (12-24-89)
 284 Cinn. (9-16-90)
 243 at Wash. (11-10-91)
 230 Jets (12-3-89)

Most TD's

2 Jets (12-2-90)
 at Sea (11-4-90)
 Cinn. (9-16-90)
 at Clev. (9-23-90)
 at K.C. (12-17-89)
 at Wash. (12-10-89)
 SF (11-3-91)
 at Wash. (11-10-91)
 Phx (11-15-92)
 N.E. (11-29-92)

Comp.

26 at Denver (12-16-90)
 24 Jets (12-3-89)
 Wash. (12-10-89)
 22 Denver (12-24-89)
 21 K.C. (11-18-90)
 20 Cinn. (9-16-90)
 18 K.C. (12-17-89)

Net Yards

350 at Wash. (12-10-89)
 305 Denver (12-24-89)
 298 at Denver (12-16-90)
 278 Cinn. (9-16-90)
 209 at Wash. (11-10-91)

Fewest Int.

0 (11 times)

Longest Streak - No Int.

(140 Weeks 6-11 1990)

Most Sacked

5 Jets (12-3-89)
 at Wash. (11-10-91)
 at N.O. 12-3-92)

Pct.

.682 (15-22) Seattle (11-25-90)
 .667 (18-27) K.C. (12-23-90)
 .666 (16-24) Phx. (11-15-92)
 .640 (16-25) S.F. (11-9-92)
 .615 (24-39) at Wash. (12-10-89)
 .592 (16-27) Denver (11-11-90)

Long

75t at Wash. (11-10-91)
 49 Denver (12-24-89)
 at Wash. (12-10-89)
 45t at Sea (11-4-89)
 44t SF (11-3-91)
 36t Cinn. (9-16-90)

Most Int.

4 Denver (12-24-89)
 3 S.F. (11-9-92)
 2 (5 times)

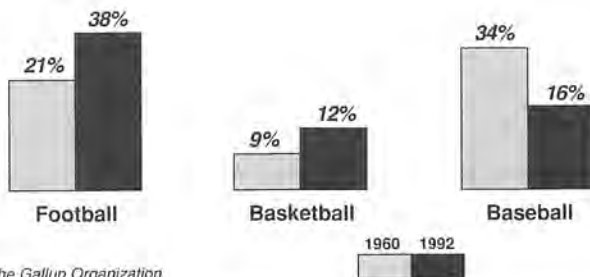
Fewest Sacked

0 (six times)

Survey Says...

Sports Watchers' Tastes Have Changed

Percentage of people who like to watch:



Source: The Gallup Organization

JESSIE TUGGLE



Valdosta State
7th Year
Ht: 5'11" Wt: 230
Born: 2-14-65

Acquisition: Undrafted Free Agent,
May 4, 1987

LINEBACKER

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Last Season

Jessie Tuggle's struggle for recognition ended in dramatic fashion when he was voted by his peers to be a **starter at ILB at the Pro Bowl** for the first time in his career. Although he had been recognized by several magazines and newspapers around the country in previous years, his ascension to Pro Bowl level by his fellow players meant he had achieved the ultimate goal. Tuggle had another typical season as he **led the team in tackles** (for a 4th consecutive year) with 193 and finished with a sack, 6 QB pressures, an interception and a forced fumble. In addition, he returned a Morten Andersen fumble on a failed field goal 69 yards for a touchdown to close the gap to 9-7 in the nationally televised Saints game. Jessie reached Pro Bowl status last year despite an early setback. After a team-leading 10 tackles in the opener against the Jets, he contracted (non-bacterial) viral meningitis, sidelining him in Piedmont Hospital for the Redskins contest. Not surprising to those who know his toughness, he returned to the lineup the next weekend versus the Saints (recording team-best 13), but had dropped 10 pounds in the process. For the year, the consistent Tuggle *registered 10 or more tackles in all 15 games*, a personal-high. His best games came against the Cowboys, 49ers, and Saints with 16 tackles a piece. He also collared 15 stops at Chicago, 14 in the re-match with the Niners, and had 5 games with 13 tackles.

Pro Career

The two-time NFL tackling leader (1990-91) heads into his seventh season with a string of **19 consecutive games where he has recorded at least 10 tackles per game**. He had played in 75 consecutive games over five seasons prior to missing the Washington contest in Week 2 last year. Tuggle has paced the club in tackles for four straight seasons now and is the only Falcons player in team history to register over 200 tackles in a season in consecutive years (1990-91). He has the most solo tackles of any Falcons player over the five seasons (467) and has averaged on eye popping 10.1 stops every time he's stepped onto the field.

Year-by-Year

1991: He led the NFL in tackles again by posting a career-high 207 in being named to *Sports Illustrated's All-Pro team*. Jessie was named NFC Defensive Player of the Month of December with his 49 tackles, 1 FR, and his first NFL theft. He continued his "Hammer"-ing of opponents in the playoffs with a team-high 31 total stops. His top efforts were a 22 tackle day (second-most ever) vs NO and 19 stops at Dallas. His busy season also included an 18-yard fumble return for a TD against the Raiders.

1990: Jessie led the NFL in tackles with a then personal best of 201 as he helped the Falcons record the lowest per rush average in the League at 3.3. He was the first Falcon to total over 200 stops since Buddy Curry's 229 in 1983. Tuggle was second on the club with 5 QB sacks and finished in double digits in tackles 11 times. His 24 tackles set a personal high against the Bengals and included a streak of 10+ tackle efforts in eight consecutive weeks.

1989: In his first full season as a starter, he collared a club-high 183 stops from the inside and paced the team in tackles in 10 out of 16 games.

1988: He developed a reputation around the League by dealing out vicious blows in a sophomore campaign that included his first 100-plus tackle season. Jessie started 8 out of his 16 games played and recovered a fumbled punt return for his first NFL TD at the Rams, while chipping in with 17 tackles and a blocked field goal.

1987: As a rookie, young Jessie played in 12 games, with four starts, and impressed with plenty of hard hits. He made the roster as a free agent after a strong camp.

Honors

1992: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (starter)

1991: All-Pro — *Sports Illustrated*

Pro Bowl Alternate

NFC Defensive Player of the Month (Dec.)

1990: All-Pro (honorable mention) — *Associated Press*

Notebook

When Jessie crossed the goal line from 69 yards out with a Morten Andersen fumble recovery in the Superdome in Week 14, little did he know he also crossed into the NFL record book. Tuggle placed his name in the history books **for most career touchdowns with an opponent's recovered fumble with four**. If it wasn't for a conversation between then Valdosta State head coach Mike Cavan and a Falcons assistant coach at an off-season banquet, Jessie may never have found his way to the Suwanee practice fields. The Falcons liked what they heard and Tuggle received an invite to their '87 training camp and he has never looked back. He believes in giving something back to the community, and he did just that as he wrote a check for \$25,000 to his alma mater to set up a new scholarship fund. In return for his kindness, Valdosta State named their weight room in his honor (the school's athletes now work out at the

"Jessie Tuggle Strength and Fitness Complex"). Nicknamed "Hammer" for his ability to punish opponents, he is an invaluable cog in the Falcons defense as he plays the role of designated signal-caller and full time backer. Unlike most NFL backers in this age of specialization, Tuggle stays on the field all the time, regardless of the situation. Jessie prefers to let his actions speak the loudest, but admiring opponents have enough to say about the 5-11 hitting machine. *"Our coaching staff and players have a tremendous amount of respect for Tuggle,"* said Saints coach Jim Mora. *"He's a heck of a player and a heck of a competitor."* CBS analyst and former NFL head coach John Madden echoes those sentiments. *"He has good instincts and a good feel for the game. He's a very smart player and he really has a nose for the football."* **Jessie became the second Falcons linebacker (and the first since Tommy Nobis' selection in 1972) to earn a spot in the Pro Bowl.**

College

Jessie received the ultimate compliment when his #88 jersey was retired from Valdosta State last year. He left as the Blazers record holder with 340 tackles. A Gulf South Conference selection for three years, Jessie helped guide his team to a 9-2 mark as a senior as he ended up a fine collegiate career with 129 tackles (nearly double as many as any player on the roster). A four-year starter, he was the conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

Personal

Jessie Floyd, Jr. is the middle child of six kids of Jessie Floyd, Sr. and Ada Tuggle from Spalding, Georgia. He was the team's MVP as a senior at Griffin High School and he also performed on the school's baseball team. He realized a childhood dream by playing for his hometown Falcons as he grew up, went to high school and college in the Peach State. Jessie and his younger brother Michael are the football players in the family, while older brothers, Frank (Army) and Ray (Marines) chose military careers. Tuggle is one of the strongest players on the club (with a 500 pound bench press) and has been a dedicated weight lifter since his high school days. "He just lived in the weight room and he enjoyed it and was always self motivated," said his former high school coach Lloyd Bohannon. His weight lifting hobby is the reason for his massive upper torso, which has elicited another nickname of "The Body" by his fellow teammates after the famous wrestler (Jesse "The Body" Ventura). Jessie, along with Scott Case and Moe Gardner, helped raise more than \$30,000 to aid Saint Joseph's Mercy Care and help the city's medically underserved. The trio and their wives were the spokespersons for a project which brought in pledges (from 25 cents to \$100) for every QB sack by the defense. Tuggle also traveled to Nashville, TN in the off-season to be a featured speaker in front of 5,000 youngsters in the state on behalf of the G.B.I. at the Governors Conference for a Drug Free Tennessee. Jessie's wife, Dujuan, is the newly elected president of the community active group, the Falcons Player's Wives Association. The couple just welcomed a new child to the Tuggle family, daughter Jessica Dujuan. They live in Alpharetta, GA. with their son Justin.

Tuggle's NFL Record Four Fumble Recovery Touchdowns

1988	at LA Rams	2 yard fumble return (off blocked punt)
1990	Houston	65 yard fumble return (off QB sack)
1991	LA Raiders	18 yard fumble return (off QB sack)
1992	at NO	69 yard fumble return (off muffed FG)

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Press.	PD	FF	FR	Spec.	Tms
1987	Atl.	12/4	35	18	17	1	6	2	0	0		7
1988	Atl.	16/8	103	60	43	0	1	3	1	1		11
1989	Atl.	16/16	183	112	71	1	5	3	0	1		10
1990	Atl.	16/14	201	99	102	5	10	2	3	1		9
1991	Atl.	16/16	207	106	101	1	6	4	1	2		10
1992	Atl.	15/15	193	98	95	1	6	0	1	0		5
Totals:		91/73	922	493	429	9	34	14	6	5		52
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/2	31	15	16	0	0	0	0	0		0

Tuggle's Personal Bests

Tackles	Forced Fumbles	Interceptions
24 Cinc (10-28-90) 22 N.O. (9-29-91) 21 at N.O. (11-25-90) 19 at Rams (10-21-90) at Dallas (12-22-91) 18 Phoenix (12-9-90)	2 at N.O. (11-25-90) 1 Four Times, Last vs. Phoenix (11-15-92)	1 at Dallas (12-22-91) (22 yards) at G.B. (11-4-92) (1 yard)

BOB WHITFIELD



Stanford
2nd Year
Ht: 6'5" Wt: 308
Born: 10-18-71

Acquisition: 1st round, 8th overall,
1992 Draft

TACKLE

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Last Season

Big Bob served his first NFL apprenticeship under two of the League's best tackles in Mike Kenn and Chris Hinton. The experienced tandem boasts 12 Pro Bowl's between them and the pair proved to be excellent teachers to a young Whitfield. The former #1 pick played in 11 games for the Falcons during his rookie season with most of his time coming on special teams. But after Mike Kenn's early knee problems forced him from the Saints game after only three plays, Bob took over in his first extensive action lining up against perennial sack specialist Pat Swilling. Whitfield didn't back down though and lived up to his billing as the nation's top offensive lineman coming out of the '92 draft by shutting down Swilling without a sack the entire game (36 plays). Bob's other action in the Falcons trenches came against the Rams (47 plays), Cowboys (25), Patriots (18), Bucs (16), and the 49ers (15), giving him **157 snaps from scrimmage in his rookie campaign.**

Notebook

When Whitfield was taken in the first round he became **only the fifth lineman in the Falcons 27-year history to be selected with a #1 pick.** He is in select company as George Kunz ('69), Mike Kenn ('78) and Bill Fralic ('85) all went on to be voted to play in the Pro Bowl, while Warren Bryant ('77) was a starter on three Playoff teams. Even though Bob enters his second NFL season, **he will only be 22 years-old midway through the '93 campaign.** Born in 1971, he entered the draft as a 20-year-old junior. When Vikings Head Coach Dennis Green was hired as the new boss at Stanford the first person he called was a coveted prized recruit named Bob Whitfield. (Green didn't even call his own wife first!) He was the highest Stanford player drafted (8th overall) since John Elway was the No. 1 selection by the Baltimore Colts in '83. He was a soothsayer, of sorts, a week before the draft as he joked to reporters that the Falcons were

going to trade away Deion Sanders to be able to draft him. Coming out of the draft he was drawing comparisons to ex-PAC 10 great Anthony Munoz.

College

The consensus junior All-American tackle led the Cardinal to an 8-3 record and a Bowl bid in his final season at Stanford. A starter for three seasons, Bob was a two-time finalist for the Vince Lombardi Award and also a nominee for the Outland Trophy as the best lineman in college football. During his final season, the 290 pounder bulldozed holes for "Touchdown" Tommy Vardell, helping Stanford post big victories over top 20 teams like Colorado and UCLA, while the offense averaged almost 400 yards and 32 points a game. In his sophomore season, Whitfield garnered second team All-America honors and All-PAC 10 accolades by not allowing a sack all season for a unit that averaged 384 yards per outing. He was the only sophomore nominated for the Outland Trophy out of the 14 finalists. **He was afforded first team freshman NCAA All-America honors as a 17-year-old starter.**

Personal

The *Gatorade* Circle of Champions **State of California Player of the Year** in 1988, Bob hails from the rugged south side of Los Angeles. His older brother made sure he didn't follow in his footsteps by getting involved in a gang. "Even if you can bench-press 5,000 pounds you're still afraid of your older brother," said Bob respectfully. A prankster in the locker room, the flamboyant and quick witted performer is also known for his lively quotes. During a draft-day press conference he was asked about an earthquake earlier in the afternoon; he quipped: "That wasn't an earthquake. That was just me running down the hall after I got drafted!" Bob is sensitive to the neighborhood he grew up in, and he worked on a program for underprivileged children in the crime area of East Menlo Park in East Palo Alto during his days at Stanford. His mother, Eartha, is his biggest fan and she had a car load of supporters with her when the birds played the Rams in the season finale last year. She sternly claims that Bob will get his Economics degree from Stanford before long. Eartha was instrumental to Whitfield spurning offers from such schools as Notre Dame, Michigan and Miami to stay closer to home. A fast learner, it wasn't until the 9th grade at Banning High School in Carson, CA. that Bob picked up the sport of football. He guided his prep team to an 11-3 record and a berth in the city of Los Angeles finals. At the same time, he was an honor roll student in the class room.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 1992 (11/0)



FALCON TRAINING COMPLEX

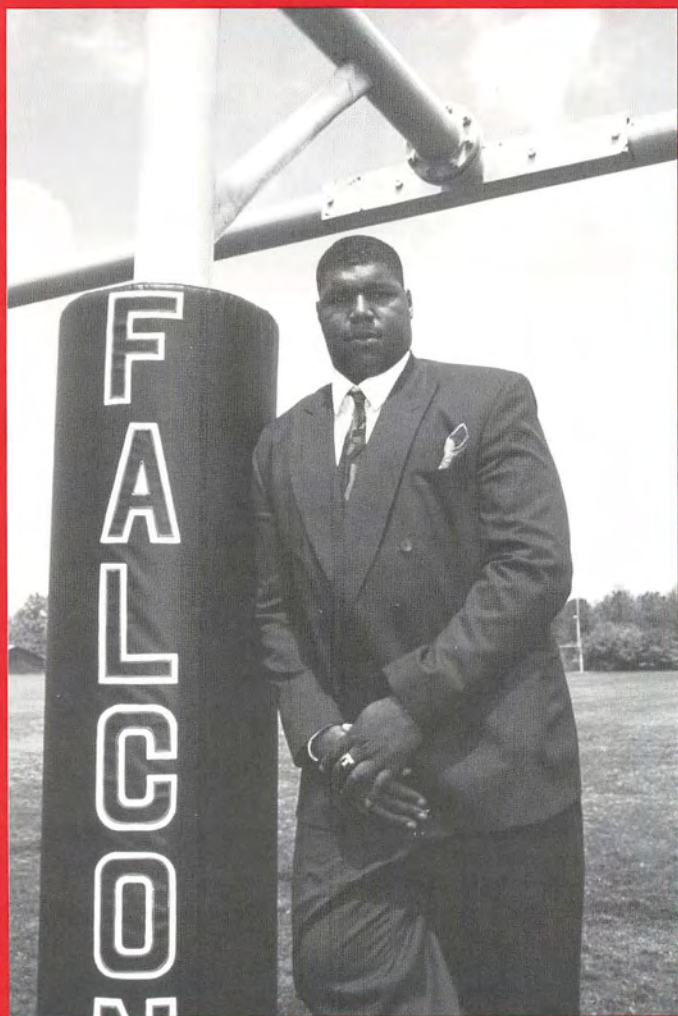
The Falcons year-round home is this first-class Complex located off I-85 in Suwanee, GA. Completed in August of 1978, this facility provides all the needs for the players, coaches, & administrative personnel. This will be the 16th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for a 15th consecutive year.

Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker-room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches' offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (except ticket office). There are six and a half acres of land available for practice fields. The lake out front of the Complex is used to recirculate water for the fields.

Construction began (more than 150,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved) on April 3, 1978, and was completed less than five months later. The club's administrative offices had been housed at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium with summer camps in Greenville, S.C. (Furman University campus). This facility in growing Gwinnett County is approximately 30 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta, off Exit 44 of I-85.

Adjacent to the practice facility are the Falcon Inn (a Best Western chain) and Conference Center and The Complex Club. The 104-room motel houses the players and provides the meals during camps and is also open to the public. The Complex Club is a health and racquetball facility available for player use and is a public-member club.

NEW FACES



LINCOLN KENNEDY



Washington
Ht: 6'6" Wt: 335
Born: 2-12-71

GUARD/
TACKLE

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Acquisition: 1st round, 9th overall

College Career

The highest rated offensive lineman in the 1993 draft by most scouts and reviewers, Lincoln Kennedy was the second lineman taken after Willie Roaf (of Louisiana Tech) who was selected a spot ahead of him. A surprisingly quick and agile performer for a player of his size ("He has the movement of a 240 pounder," said Washington Coach Don James), Kennedy was a unanimous All-American last year and a first team All-PAC-10 selection. A **finalist for both the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award**, the physically imposing competitor **averaged six knockdown blocks for a Huskies offense that scored a PAC-10 high 306 points** during his senior season. The mammoth presence in the Washington trenches helped his school to a #1 ranking throughout the year and a berth in the prestigious Rose Bowl. He started four games at guard and four at tackle as a sophomore before anchoring the Huskie line in every game the past two seasons at left tackle as the **school posted an incredible 31-4 record over three years**. Kennedy was a dominant drive blocker in the collegiate ranks, using his long arms to hold off opposing pass rushers, and was a **huge reason the Huskies were able to capture the National Championship in 1991 with a perfect 12-0 mark**. He was awarded the Morris Trophy as the top lineman in the PAC-10 following the '91 season and **owns two Rose Bowl championship winning rings**.

Year-by-Year

1992: He started every contest for Coach Don James and **received a grade of 89% for blocking consistency** for the 9-2 Rose Bowl bound Huskies. The team co-captain delivered a punishing downfield block that wiped out three defenders on a 60-yard touchdown run by Billy Joe Hobert to help the offense rack up 455 yards in a 27-10 victory over Wisconsin. He pancaked DT John Parrella to clear out room for a one-yard TD plunge by Beno Bryant to cap off his **seven knockdown day** in a big 29-14 win over Nebraska. Kennedy also showed his athleticism by **cleaning out half of the defensive line with a perfectly timed roll block** as QB Mark Brunell scored from three yards out in a defeat of Pacific. He opened holes for Huskie backs to gain 299 yards against Pacific and 267 versus California.

1991: An All-PAC 10 Conference first teamer, the powerful junior assumed the weakside (left) tackle position and played a major role as **Washington was second in the country in scoring at 49.1 per game** and 6th in Total Offense at 471.9 yards a contest. The undefeated Huskies capped off their season with a 34-14 trouncing of Michigan in the Rose Bowl to claim a share of the National title (with Miami getting the nod in AP voting) thanks to the timely big hits from Kennedy. He was such a dominating presence that he was afforded *Player of the Week* accolades by his teammates **TWICE** out of 12 games, with a top ranked defense that included the likes of eventual NFL #1 draft pick Steve Emtman. His devastating block forced two Kansas State players to the sidelines as they totaled 478 yards in a 56-3 win. Kennedy's bulldozing blocks were also witnessed first hand by Nebraska as he finished with six knockdowns, one to spring QB Billy Joe Hobert for a 9-yard scoring jaunt, as the Huskies gained 618 yards, the most surrendered by a Cornhusker team since 1950. He also helped move the pile for the offense to collect 474 yards vs. Oregon State.

1990: The aspiring sophomore excelled in only his second season on the offensive side of the ball. He earned his first ever starting assignment at **left guard** against USC. He started the following four weeks at that position before switching to right tackle against Stanford. Lincoln saw action the next three games to total eight starts in his first experience on the O-line and it was good enough for him to be voted as a second team All-PAC 10 choice. He garnered "big hit" weekly honors for his efforts against Oregon, Arizona and California. In the dismantling of Cal, he punched holes in the Bears defense so the offense could muster 396 rushing yards and 597 total yards. He earned his first Rose Bowl ring by helping Washington defeat Iowa 46-34.

1989: The freshman made the switch from defensive line to offensive line and he learned the nuances of the position while logging time as a reserve at guard and tackle.

1988: Redshirted as a true freshman, he performed as a member of the scout team as a nose guard.

Notebook

Lincoln was known for his bone-crushing blocks at the college level, particularly in pulling situations. One of the Kennedy's best came against Kansas State as he leveled two defenders with a brutal block and **both players had to be carried off the field**. His first collegiate start at left guard in the third week of his sophomore season belied his future stardom and proved he was something special. Lincoln lined up against a perennial powerhouse at tradition-rich Southern California and he didn't back down as he collected a pair of key hits on a 1-yard scoring run and a 67-yard reception by tailback Greg Lewis in a 31-0 shutout of the Trojans. Kennedy and the rest of the line were awarded Players of the Game honors for their dominating efforts. It seems odd that his college positions were actually listed as *weak side tackle* and *weak side guard* (on the left side of the line) because there's certainly nothing *weak* about this strong 6'6", 335 pounder. Lincoln had the fortunate or unfortunate task, depending on your perspective, of practicing each day against the NFL's #1 overall draft pick in '92 and ex-Huskie teammate DL Steve Emtman. "Little Linc" (as his mother calls him) thought about coming out as a junior last

year but when asked why he didn't at his press conference in Suwanee, he simply said two words: "Bob Whitfield." Whitfield was rated ahead of Kennedy which would have meant that his first round draft position would have been several places lower had he decided to leave school early. Now, the powerful pair, who were the two highest rated linemen in the last two drafts, will be teamed together on the same line! His personable and gregarious nature are genuine. *"I don't want people to think there's two sides to me,"* he said. *"I get along with everybody and anybody. I'm just a nice guy."*

Personal

Tamerlane Lincoln Kennedy was born on President Abraham's birthday on Feb. 2, 1971 in York, PA. His father, T.F. Kennedy, Sr. served over in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm last winter, while his mother, Hope, is an accountant. A highly recruited two-way star at Morse High School in San Diego, he was an honorable mention All-America by *USA Today* as well as all-state (*LA Times*), Super Prep All-America and all-Far West selection as a senior. Besides manning the offensive line, the three-year letterwinner registered 75 tackles and seven sacks as a defensive lineman. He even returned a fumble for a touchdown his last year as a prepster. He showed off his athletic ability by also starring on the basketball team (who would want to draw a charging foul?) and on the track team. An extremely articulate and bright person, Kennedy **received his degree in Speech & Drama in May**. He played a chain-smoking teacher in a school play called, *"Life of the Party."* He takes academics so seriously that he made a deal with his 14-year-old sister, Nykya, that if she maintains a 3.0 GPA throughout her high school career he'll present her with a check for \$30,000 to be used for college. He also plans to buy his mother a new home with his earnings from his first pro contract. Considered a gentle giant because of his congenial disposition, this self-proclaimed "people person" was the Huskies' most popular player last year by a wide margin, according to the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.



ROGER HARPER



Ohio State
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 223
Born: 10-26-70

Acquisition: 2nd round, 38th overall

SAFETY

47



College Career

The fierce hitting All-Big 10 first team strong safety spearheaded the Ohio State secondary to become the second safety taken in the draft after Patrick Bates of Texas A & M. Harper **started every game the past two years for the Bowl bound Buckeyes**, collecting 118 tackles and seven interceptions. Seventy-five out of his 118 tackles were solo stops. He was the recipient of the Arnie Chonko Award as the team's best defensive back as a junior, where he paced the team with four interceptions and plenty of intimidating hits. The big (6'2", 223 lbs) and swift (4.5 in 40) defender is considered a physical open field tackler, with superb range, who plays strong against the run. With these traits, Roger should feel at home in the Falcons Black Wave unit, which relies on an active strong safety as one of the keys to the success of their defense. Roger decided to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft early.

Year-by-Year

1992: As the leader of the 8-2-1 Buckeye defensive backfield, Harper was a force with his 44 solo tackles out of his 59 total stops. He also registered six deflected passes, two tackles for 6 yards in losses, and a touchdown saving tackle. In the 13-13 tie with Michigan, he tallied 9 solo stops and added 7 tackles and a pickoff in a 27-17 win over Michigan State. His season high was a 10 tackle performance vs Wisconsin and he closed out his college career with 7 stops (6 solos) vs. Georgia in the Citrus Bowl.

1991: The All-Big 10 second teamer was the starter at strong safety in every game, recording 59 tackles (third best on team), with a QB sack, and six stops for a minus 17 yards in losses. Roger also chipped in with three interceptions (42 return yards), four pass deflections and two forced fumbles. His top game in his first season as a starter came against Washington State as he collected 12 tackles (8 solo), a sack, two stops behind the line, and a 43-yard interception return TD. He was presented with the W.W. Hayes award for being the outstanding player in the Michigan contest with 8 solo tackles, one for a loss of 8 yards. Harper picked off two passes versus Illinois and finished the season with 5 solo tackles, with a pass deflection, in the Hall of Fame Bowl against Syracuse.

1990: He logged time in all games as a reserve at SS, ending with 26 tackles (14 solos) and one fumble recovery. He posted a season high of 5 tackles in the 52-23 dismantling of Minnesota and four stops in a 27-27 tie with Indiana.

1989: Roger was redshirted as a freshman, spending his time as a flanker on the scout team before being moved to defense in spring drills after the season.

Notebook

Harper was the second Ohio State player chosen in the draft after RB Robert Smith was tabbed by the Vikings with the 21st pick of the first round. **As a sophomore, he picked off this year's #1 overall pick Drew Bledsoe (Patriots) of Washington State and returned the pass 42 yards for a touchdown to propel Ohio State to a 33-19 victory.** His performance earned him *Sports Illustrated* Player of the Week. He showed he could be an impact player at the collegiate level in his very first game when he recovered a crucial fumble that set up a score in a 17-10 win over Texas Tech in '90. In the Hall of Fame Bowl in '91, two of his bone crushing hits resulted in fumbles and he also blocked a field goal attempt. His overall athletic abilities should provide the birds with another presence on special teams. Roger and newly acquired Vinnie Clark were in the same Ohio State secondary in '90.

Personal

An All-Ohio selection by both *AP* and *UPI* as a senior at Independence (Columbus) High School, Roger was named the prestigious winner of the James A. Rhodes Trophy in 1988 as the Ohio Prep Player of the Year. He gained over 1,600 yards in total offense as a senior wingback and returner, with an average of 16.5 yards per catch. Harper also returned a punt and a kickoff for scores during his prep career. His twin brother, Rod, was a walk-on linebacker for the Buckeyes. The versatile athlete was also an all-state basketball player and co-captain of both sports. The communications major grew up admiring tough safeties Ronnie Lott and Steve Atwater.

College Statistics

Year	TK	Tackles		FR	FF	INT	TD	TFL	PBU	SACK
		SO	AS							
1989	Redshirt — Freshman									
1990	26	14	12	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0
1991	65	49	16	0	2	3-42	1	6-17	4	1
1992	66	37	29	0	0	4-17	0	2-6	6	0
Totals:	157	100	57	1	2	7-59	1	8-23	10	1

HAROLD ALEXANDER



Appalachian
State
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 224
Born: 10-20-70

Acquisition: 3rd round,
67th overall

PUNTER

5



College Career

The kicking feats of Harold Alexander were so respected that he was compared to 7-time Pro Bowler Ray Guy of the Raiders as one of the finest punters ever in college. The powerful 6'2", 224 pounder with excellent high kick extension set an **NCAA Division I-AA season record** with a 46.7 average in '91. He also became the second player in the history of Division I-AA to **lead the nation in punting two straight seasons**, finishing with a 44.1 average last year. Alexander (The Great) established some amazing stats throughout his college days like recording 67 punts over 50 yards and dropping 95 punts inside the 20-yard line. The two-time All-America and All-Southern Conference honoree ended his outstanding college career with 280 punts for 11,963 yards for a 42.7 lifetime average to etch his name in the school record books for game, season, and career marks. Another distinguished accomplishment was that **he never had a punt blocked in his college career**. His long kicks included bombs of 78 and 77 yards with a single season high of 29 punts over 50 yards in '91. Harold's best single game saw him boot the leather for an average of 55.7 yards on 6 tries with longs of 78, 61, and 55 yards versus The Citadel in '92. He came close to that average with a 55.5 mark, setting a Conference game record with 8 punts for 444 yards, including boots of 77, 67, 58, 54, 52 and 51 yards, in a 1991 contest with Marshall. His seven kicks over 50 yards in that game also set a school mark and earned him Southern Conference Player of the Week accolades.

Year-by-Year

1992: The consensus All-America punted 62 times for 2,733 yards, with 19 kicks inside the 20 and 17 over 50 yards. He launched 10 punts for 418 yards vs Wake Forest, averaged 48.7 yards vs East Tennessee State, and registered longs of 52, 51 and 50 yards vs North Carolina State. In a clash with Furman he averaged 48.3 yards on three punts with a 63-yarder and boasted averages of 46.3 against James Madison and 45.6 against VMI.

1991: Another All-American season saw him boom 72 punts for a career-best 3,363 yards and an NCAA record 46.7 average. He was the fifth player in conference history to lead the nation in punting and his record breaking performance bested the 45.9 mark of Case de Bruijn of Idaho State in 1981. Besides his conference best 55.5-yard average against Marshall, he also enjoyed fine days against Furman (50.3), James Madison (50.3), and Wake Forest (44.7).

ALEXANDER

Included in some of his "big" booms of 29 punts over 50 yards were longs of 78, 77, 69, 68, 60, 59, 57, 56, 55 and 54 yards, to name only a few.

1990: The All-Conference pick booted 74 times for 3,030 yards, with 13 kicks over 50 yards and 27 downed inside the 20. Harold averaged 48.5 yards on 8 attempts, with a 60-yarder vs. Furman, had a 44.4 mark on 5 tries with a long of 53 vs. Wake Forest, and punted 10 times for 418 yards, with a 58-yard long vs. Marshall.

1989: The freshman came on the college scene to record eight kicks over 50 yards, out of 72 punts for 2,837 yards. He had a 61-yarder against Wake Forest and boasted a 48.3 average with a 52-yarder versus Tennessee-Chattanooga. Alexander also carried a 44.2 avg. in a battle with Middle Tennessee State.

Notebook

Alexander became the highest drafted punter the Falcons have ever picked and just the sixth drafted overall. (Mike Horan was previous highest chosen on the ninth round in 1982.) Draft guru Ken Herock has witnessed past success with drafting a punter that he thought could play in this League. When Herock was with the Raiders, they tabbed unknown Ray Guy from unheralded Southern Mississippi with a first round pick in 1973. Guy, of course, is known as possibly the best punter to ever lace up a pair of cleats, as he went on to play in 7 Pro Bowls, while leading the NFL in punting three times. Harold's kicking style and impressive college stats have drawn comparisons to Guy. Herock's evaluation of the former NCAA leaders talents were echoed by the Redskins who had worked out Harold again two days before the draft and had called to say *THEY* were going to take Alexander with their 3rd round pick (but the Falcons beat them to the pick). The Falcons' selection of a kicker with the 11th choice in the 3rd round started a trend as Denver made a move (K Jason Elam-14th), then Washington took their second choice (P Ed Bunn-24th) to fill their needs. Harold's impact on the program at Appalachian State in tiny Boone, North Carolina was evident as he was depicted on the front of the school's media guide for 1991 and 1992. The Mountaineers knew he was going to be a top notch competitor as a freshman when he coolly dropped 8 out of his 12 total punts inside the 12-yard line to win Southern Conference Freshman of the Week honors against Wake Forest in '89.

Personal

Harold was an all-state of South Carolina punter during his 9-3 senior year at Pickens High School with an average of 42.6. Harold's never been to an NFL game before, so his first one will be the one he punts in this summer. He also earned a letter in baseball as a prepster. The management major has a wife Carla and a daughter Lindsey Leigh.

College Statistics

Year	NO	Yards	Avg.	BK	Long	In20	50+
1989	72	2,837	38.4	0	61	26	8
1990	74	3,030	41.0	0	60	27	13
1991	72	3,363	46.7	0	77	23	29
1992	62	2,733	44.1	0	78	19	17
Totals:	280	11,963	42.7	0	78	95	67

RON GEORGE



Stanford
Ht: 6'2" Wt: 225
Born: 3-20-70

LINEBACKER

48



Acquisition: 5th round,
121st overall

College Career

The hard rushing Ron George collected **33 QB sacks** in his final three seasons for Stanford and **61 tackles for minus 314 yards** during his productive stay in Palo Alto. He totaled 193 tackles with 120 solo stops, and caused 8 fumbles, with 3 fumble recoveries to his credit, as he helped with the resurgence of the Cardinal program as three-year starter. He saved his best season for last by **leading the team and the conference with a career high 15 sacks** in garnering All-American and All-PAC 10 honors from *Football News* in '92. George's superb senior season also included personal-bests in tackles with 66 and tackles for losses with 25 (for -140 yards in losses). He added three more tackles to his totals and another tackle for a loss in the Blockbuster Bowl. He worked himself into a starter's role in his first season at Stanford after transferring from the Air Force Academy. George's best game as a pass rusher saw him collar 4 QB sacks in a winning effort against Arizona. A well-conditioned, aggressive athlete, Ron also brings an intelligent background to the Falcons as he scored high on the League's pre-draft tests and was an Economics major at academic-minded Stanford.

Year-by-Year

1992: He started every contest at left outside linebacker and **led the tough PAC-10 in sacks** with 15 and also forced three fumbles, with one fumble recovery. George recorded two sacks and five tackles for minus 28 yards against nationally ranked Texas A&M. A career day against UCLA resulted in 3 sacks for 26 yards in losses and a forced fumble in a 19-7 victory. Against San Jose State, he collared a pair of sacks and 3 stops for minus 20 yards and also a forced fumble in a 37-13 win. He had 3 sacks vs. Oregon State and registered 11 tackles, a 5-yard sack, and 3 stops behind the line vs. Arizona.

1991: Ron finished second on the team in tackles with 64 and led the squad again with 8 sacks and 18 stops for minus 94 yards. The big play backer **forced a career best four fumbles** and recovered two others. His season began with 7 tackles against Washington and 8 hits versus Arizona. George earned PAC-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Week accolades,

pacing a defense that held one of the most explosive offenses in the nation to 270 yards, as he recorded 9 tackles, a sack, and a stop behind the line against Colorado. He made 8 tackles vs. Notre Dame and 7 solo stops, with a pair of sacks and 5 tackles for minus 26 yards in a 40-10 rout of Oregon State. He also added 5 solo tackles and a 9-yard sack vs UCLA and 2 sacks in a 49-14 defeat of Washington State. **He was the only player in the conference to win player of the week accolades twice.** He closed out his junior campaign with 4 solo tackles against Georgia Tech in the Aloha Bowl.

1990: An honorable mention All-PAC 10 choice in his first season in the conference, Ron ranked second in the league with his 10 sacks to go along with his 63 tackles. **His 18 tackles for 80 yards in losses paced the conference** as the newcomer broke into the lineup to start every game as an outside linebacker. In a 23-10 victory over Arizona, he was named **PAC-10 Defensive Player of the Week** for making a **personal-best 4 QB sacks** and 7 solo stops. Against Colorado, he collared 9 tackles (6 solos) with a sack, two stops for losses, and a forced fumble.

1989: He was redshirted after moving over from Air Force Academy.

1988: He was a member of Air Force's traveling squad as a reserve defensive back.

Notebook

Ron recognized a familiar face in the Falcons camp as he and Bob Whitfield played together at Stanford for two seasons. Both players helped the Cardinal return to national prominence with consecutive Bowl appearances in Aloha (George, Whitfield) and Blockbuster (George). He received plenty of *pro* coaching from his position coach at Stanford who happened to be former 49er LB Keena Turner, not to mention NFL head coaches Dennis Green and Bill Walsh. What George lacks in experience he's willing to make up for in desire. *"I'm hoping that what a coach is looking for is somebody who works his butt off,"* he said. *"You can't teach an attitude."* The Falcons Black Wave defense, which stresses every one to the ball, plays to George's strength. His background includes a stint in Heidelberg, Germany where his father was stationed with the Air Force. Besides catching passes from current University of Georgia QB Eric Zeier at Heidelberg High School, he also learned to speak German fluently. The well spoken athlete has future aspirations after football to be a sports commentator or fireman, even though he carries around heavy credentials with his Economics degree from highly respected Stanford. He and another Cardinal player spent their spare time at a fire station close to the school's practice field, riding along with the fire fighters to get a close up view of their occupation. Of course, he also has plans to get his graduate degree in the future. Ron will play for his second team nicknamed, Falcons, after starting his college career with the Falcons of the Air Force Academy as a 165 pound cornerback. He was set to be the Academy's featured "Falcon-back" (combination OLB/SS) in '89 before making a career decision. After deciding that there's more to college than merely just surviving three full time jobs (student, cadet, football player) at the Air Force Academy, he had to choose between transferring to Harvard or Stanford. He originally picked Harvard where he had registered for a pre-med curriculum and settled for a dorm room. But in just a half hour into his visit to scenic Palo Alto in northern California, then head coach

Dennis Green (Vikings) "sold me on his dream for Stanford" and George was headed west. He started out as a cornerback at Stanford before switching to strong safety and eventually outside linebacker.

Personal

George hails from strong roots from a family that consists of his father Robert, a consultant for *Unisys Corporation* after a military career, and his mother Margaret, a schoolteacher. Ron was an All-Europe selection as a defensive end/tight end at Heidelberg American High. As a senior he had 72 tackles (37 solos) with six sacks, two recovered fumbles, and two blocked kicks. The versatile performer also lettered four times in soccer and captured the Fastest Pin Award in the regional finals in the 188 pound wrestling class. The studious George was a member of the National Honor Society as a prep and named to the Academic All-Europe team.

College Statistics

Year	TK	SO	AS	Defensive Tackles			TFL	PBU	SACK	SFTY
				FR	FF	INT				
1988	Attended Air Force									
1989	Redshirt — Transfer									
1990	63	37	26	0	1	0-0	18-80	0	10	0
1991	69	46	23	2	4	0-0	18-94	1	8	0
1992	69	42	27	1	3	0-0	26-143	2	15	1
Totals:	201	125	76	3	8	0-0	62-317	3	33	1

Opening Day

In 27 season openers, the Atlanta Falcons have a 15-12 record. At home, the mark is 7-5, on the road, it's 8-7. In openers, the Falcons have scored a club records 62 points (vs. New Orleans, '73) and they have a day when they were shut out (Dallas, '74). On defense, they've posted a shutout (New Orleans, '81) and allowed as many as 48 (Tampa Bay, '87). In the 1980's, the Falcons were 5-5 and so far in the '90's, they are 2-2. The club lost their first three season openers, finally winning one in 1969 (vs. San Francisco). The most common opening opponent has been New Orleans (six times and all six times are Falcon wins).

MITCH LYONS



Michigan State
Ht: 6'4" Wt: 255
Born: 5-13-70

Acquisition: 6th round,
151st overall

TIGHT END

86



College Career

The tough and determined blocking tight end opened up holes for RB Tico Duckett to run for 1,062 yards and RB Craig Thomas to rush for 911 last year in the Big 10. Mitch was the second leading receiver in his senior season with 36 receptions for 400 yards. He was also second on the team charts with an average of 3.3 catches per game. Lyons slipped off the line to catch 52 passes during his time with the Spartans. The possession receiver also totaled 546 yards for a 10.5 career average. In 1991, he was given the Tommy Love Award for being the team's Most Improved Player, as he paved the way for Duckett to gain another 1,000 yards. His most productive receiving game in '91 came against nationally-ranked Michigan when he hauled in five receptions for 56 yards. He grabbed two crucial passes to keep two scoring drives alive against the Wolverines. Mitch's longest catch of the year was a 26-yarder to help set up a MSU touchdown in a 20-7 win over Wisconsin. He also returned three kickoffs for 17 yards. Lyons saw action as a reserve and on special teams in 11 games in '90 and seven games in '89.

Notebook/Personal

His first NFL touchdown will be his first score since his senior year in high school, as he was used mainly as a blocker in college. A member of the academic All-Big 10 team with a 3.01 GPA, **Mitch recorded one of the highest scores on the pre-draft intelligence tests out of his entire draft class.** His college experience included returning a kickoff against Hawaii in the Aloha Bowl as a sophomore, and playing with Andre Rison's cousin, Courtney Hawkins, as a junior. Lyons was an honorable mention All-America by *USA Today* and an All-State of Michigan product in Grand Rapids at Forest Hills Northern High School with his 31 receptions for 550 yards and seven TD's. He also doubled as a linebacker on defense (81 tackles, four sacks as senior) to help his team to a 22-5 record during his tenure. He was the highest rated prospect coming out of the Grand Rapids area in four years in '88 and was listed on the *Detroit News*' Dream Team. Named "Most Athletic" at Forest Hills, he captained both the football and basketball teams. The business administration major followed in the footsteps of his father, who played football at Grand Rapids Junior College in 1964-65.

College Statistics

Year	Rec	Receiving		TD	Long
		Yards	Avg.		
1991	16	146	9.1	0	26
1992	36	400	11.1	0	48
Totals:	52	546	10.5	0	74

DARNELL WALKER



Oklahoma
Ht: 5'8" Wt: 164
Born: 1-17-70

Acquisition: 7th round,
178th overall

CORNERBACK

45



College Career

A first team All-Big 8 conference choice and honorable mention All-America last year by *Associated Press* and *Football News*, Darnell Walker was the **defensive co-captain** for the Sooners of Oklahoma. He tallied **11 interceptions** in his career to end up tied with Sonny Brown in 9th place on the school's all time charts. He paced the always-tough Big 8 in passes defended in '91 and earned the conference's Defensive Player of the Week accolades. Darnell cracked the Sooners starting lineup in '90 after transferring from Coffeyville JUCO and went on to become a heavy contributor as a three-year starter.

Year-by-Year

1992: The crafty left corner **led the team with five interceptions** and finished with 39 tackles, 8 passes defended, and even a tackle for a loss. He returned one of his picks into a **54 yard touchdown** scamper against Arkansas State and another **51 yards** to set up a score in a 16-14 victory over Iowa State. His three additional interceptions came in a 24-24 tie with Colorado. His top tackling effort came against Missouri when he totaled 8 stops.

1991: Besides his **conference leading** 12 passes defended, he registered 29 tackles and four interceptions. He picked off a pair of passes, including one in the end zone that he returned 26 yards, had 7 tackles, and batted away two passes in a 27-17 decision over Virginia Tech

WALKER

to win top honors in Big 8. He recorded 4 tackles, 4 passes defended, and a pick vs North Texas State.

1990: In his first year as a starter on the left side, Walker finished with 30 tackles and two interceptions. His top game was a 9 tackle (5 solos) day and a 17-yard interception return vs Kansas.

1989: The cornerback and free safety totaled 34 tackles (23 solos), with five pass break-ups and a forced fumble at Coffeyville.

1988: He was redshirted so he could bulk up on his 140 pound frame.

Notebook/Personal

Darnell followed a similar path with that of Bruce Pickens as both performers attended Coffeyville JC and went on to play in the Big 8. Walker joins Scott Case, Rick Bryan, and Terry Ray as former Oklahoma defenders on the current Falcons roster. He was forced to redshirt his first season at the JUCO level because he weighed only 140 pounds but he added 20 pounds to his frame before the next season and became a starter. In his **first game as a Sooner**, he made 4 solo tackles and returned an **interception** 19 yards against UCLA. The Liberal Arts major was a football and track competitor at Sumner High in St. Louis, Missouri. He showed off his speed by winning the **national AAU title in the 800 meters**.

College Statistics

Year	Tackles									
	TK	SO	AS	FR	FF	INT	TD	TFL	PBU	SACK
1988	Redshirt — Freshman									
1989	34	23	11	0	1	N/A	0	N/A	5	0
1990	30	24	6	0	0	2-36	0	0-0	4	0
1991	29	26	3	0	0	4-50	0	1-3	12	0
1992	39	33	6	0	0	5-107	1	1-5	6	0
Totals:	132	116	26	0	1	11-201	1	2-8	29	0

Off The Roster, But Never Forgotten

So far in the Falcons' 27 seasons, only *four* jersey numbers are not being issued by the Equipment Manager. Those belong to five-time Pro Bowl LB Tommy Nobis (#60), six-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Van Note (#57), four-time Pro Bowl RB William Andrews (#31) and two-time Pro Bowl QB Steve Bartkowski (#10).

SHANNON BAKER



Florida State
Ht: 5'9" Wt: 185
Born: 7-20-71

Acquisition: 8th round,
205th overall

WIDE
RECEIVER

84



College Career

A jack-rabbit type receiver for the Seminoles of Florida State, Shannon Baker recorded 73 receptions for 1,043 yards, with 11 touchdowns, in his career in Tallahassee. The speed merchant (4.35 in 40) also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a score at FSU and totaled 847 yards on 37 career returns for a 22.9 average. He added 98 more yards to his ledger on 8 rushes and even completed a pass for 49 yards for a **combined 2,037 all purpose yardage**. Shannon led Florida State with 30 catches in '91.

Year-by-Year

1992: Last year, he shared the flanker position with Tamarick Vanover and hauled in 22 passes for 297 yards (13.5 avg.) and three touchdowns for a talent laden Seminole team that finished 11-1 and ranked #2 in the country. He had scoring grabs of 32 and 44 yards against NC State and exploded for a **90 yard KOR TD**, with 30 more yards on 3 receptions, including an 11-yard score, against Tulane. He had 5 catches for 54 yards vs Maryland, made 4 receptions for 54 yards vs Florida, and ended his college career by snaring three passes for 32 yards in a 27-14 defeat of Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

1991: The **team's leading receiver** started nine games, boasting a 15.0 average for his 30 receptions (for 451 yards). His top game saw him haul in 5 catches for a career-best **139 yards**, with a 50-yard TD, in a 46-14 beating of Syracuse. Shannon turned around and grabbed 6 passes for **100 yards**, including 29 and 5 yard scores against Middle Tennessee State. In the Cotton Bowl, he had 44 yards on 4 receptions against defensive-minded Texas A & M in a 10-2 win.

1990: A starter at split end and returner, he tallied 18 passes for 242 yards, with four TD's, and another 386 yards on 18 kickoffs, for 628 total yards. Baker's best games were against Virginia Tech (4-48, 4 yard TD), Georgia Southern (3-34, 13 & 9 yard TD's), and Auburn (3-49).

BAKER

1989: Shannon was a reserve receiver and kick returner with 18 kickoffs for 371 yards to his credit. Against Clemson, he picked up 88 yards on 4 kickoffs.

Notebook/Personal

Shannon joins Deion Sanders, Jamie Dukes, Jesse Solomon, and Howard Dinkins in the current FSU alumni roster with the Falcons. In college, he was known by teammates as Shannon Baker "The Touchdown Maker" for his penchant for exciting touchdowns. He teamed with Packers #1 pick Terrell Buckley and Corey Fuller to form a speedy 4 x 100 relay team that just missed qualifying for the NCAA track championships in '91. Baker was a two-time All-State (Class 4A) choice as a wide out during his junior year and as a quarterback as a senior at Lakeland (FLA) High. During his senior season under center he completed 40 of 88 passes for 1,002 yards, averaging 23.6 yards every completion. Baker even played in the popular Florida vs. Georgia high school all star game. When he wasn't on the gridiron, he could be found on the track as a prepster applying his special talents as a two time All-State pick in the 100-yard dash. The Social Science major at Florida State caught passes in three different Bowl games (Blockbuster, Cotton, and Orange). His uncle, E.J. Baker, was a QB for the Miami Hurricanes in 1976.

College Statistics

Year	Kickoff Returns					Rushing					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
1989	34	23	11	0	1	N/A	0	N/A	5	0	
1990	30	24	6	0	0	2-36	0	0-0	4	0	
1991	29	26	3	0	0	4-50	0	1-3	12	0	
1992	39	33	6	0	0	5-107	1	1-5	6	0	
Totals:	37	847	22.9	1	90	8	98	12.3	0	23	
Year	Passing					Receiving					
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	102	20.4	0	31
1990	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	259	13.6	4	38
1991	1	1	100.0	49	0	0	34	495	14.6	4	51
1992	1	0	00.0	0	0	0	25	329	13.2	3	44
Totals:	2	1	50.0	49	0	0	83	1,185	14.3	11	51

1993 FREE AGENTS

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Keith Alex	G	Texas A&M	6-4	307	1
John Buddenberg	G/T	Akron	6-6	285	1
Les Hall	T	Clemson	6-6	313	R
Frank Hartley	TE	Illinois	6-2	268	1
Baron Rollins	G	Louisiana Tech	6-4	340	R
Robert Stevenson	C	Florida State	6-1	285	R
Lorenzo Styles	G	West Virginia	6-5	286	R
Robbie Tobeck	C	Washington State	6-4	275	R

Alex was the Falcons' 9th round draft pick last year and was put on the Practice Squad in September before eventually being released. He had played both guard and tackle for the nationally-ranked Aggies. The mammoth 307-pound 24-year-old hails from Beaumont, Texas.

Buddenburg began as the Browns' 10th round pick back in '89 and later went on to start at left guard for the World League champion Sacramento Surge. He has spent the last two years with Atlanta and played in the first two games last fall before being moved to the Practice Squad. He played for coach Gerry Faust at Akron.

Hall possesses an excellent upper body and plays with great intensity. He was an All-American honorable mention his senior season as he started all year at offensive tackle. Les showed impressive skills as a trap blocker in the Tigers' offensive scheme. Originally from Columbia, SC, Les was the Mid-Atlantic Offensive Player of the Year and All-American choice at Spring Valley High. He set a school record 75 knockdown blocks as well as being a standout on the track team where he holds the shot put record of 52 feet. Les was born August 8, 1970 in Montgomery, AL.

Hartley is with his third NFC West team. He spent '91 on the Rams' practice squad and '92 with their training camp. In Sept. last year, the 49ers added him to their practice squad. The 25-year-old caught 21 passes for 223 yards and a pair of TD's at Illinois. He is a native of Chicago.

Rollins made a smooth transition to the offensive side of the ball after beginning his college career on the defensive side. He displays good leverage on his opponent and retreats well in passing situations. In his senior season he registered six knockdowns vs. SW Louisiana. He started the first nine games at right guard before an injury sidelined him for the rest of the year.

He was part of the front wall for an offense that ranked 14th in the nation in rushing in 1991. Baron was a Blue Chip selection his final year at Winnsboro High School in Louisiana where he was All-State his senior season. He was born July 23, 1970.

Stevenson is an intelligent player with superior technique. A versatile athlete able to play any position on the offensive line, Robert was listed as one of the strongest Seminole players. He was an All-American and All-ACC first team choice by the NFL Draft Report. Robert started at left tackle that was sixth in the nation in total offense, averaging 461.82 yards per game. He took ACC Lineman of the Week accolades twice during the season. Stevenson was an All-State Class 4A first team selection at Escambia High in Florida, where he opened holes for Dallas Cowboys All-Pro Emmitt Smith. Robert was born December 20, 1969 in Pensacola, FL.

Styles was an All-Big East Conference first team selection his senior season. He started at left guard, posting five knockdowns for an offense that averaged 229.3 yards rushing per game. Lorenzo was an All-Miami City and All-Dade County selection as a senior at Edison High in Miami. He was a member of the Athletic Director's Academic Honor Roll by possessing a 4.0 grade point average. Lorenzo was born October 19, 1970 in Miami.

Toback started all 12 games at center to complete a 9-3 season with the Cougars. He earned second team All-PAC 10 Conference honors as well as being named to the PAC-10 academic first team. He played in 11 games his junior season after transferring from Kilgore, TX Junior College where he played for two seasons. He played fullback and linebacker at North Port Richey High in Tarpon Springs, FL where he averaged 150 yards rushing per game and 16 tackles per outing his senior season. Robbie was born March 6, 1970.

QUARTERBACKS

John Charles QB Portland State 5-11 200 R

Charles was a second team All-American in 1991 when he took over the starting QB position, leading his team to 10 straight wins and to the semi-final playoff game. His best game at Portland State saw him go 28-41 for 592 yards with eight touchdowns and no interceptions. The 592 yards set an NCAA Division II record. He finished his college career with 612 attempts, completing 395 for 6,471 yards, 80 touchdowns 19 interceptions. John played Junior College ball at Foothill where he set the national JC career record with 6,300 yards in two seasons. He was named California JC Athlete of the Year in 1990.

WIDE RECEIVERS / BACKS

Derek Baldwin	WR	Portland State	6-0	175	R
Greg Beatty	WR	Ohio State	5-11	185	R
Horace Brooks	WR	Alabama State	5-8	170	R
Marcus Grant	WR	Houston	5-9	172	1
David Mims	WR	Baylor	5-8	191	R
James Rouse	RB	Arkansas	6-0	220	4
Darryl Spencer	WR	Miami	5-8	173	R
Anthony Wallace	RB	California	6-0	191	1

Baldwin has big-play ability as he totaled 38 receptions for 675 yards with 15 touchdowns with seven rushes for 66 yards. He returned 35 punts for 363 yards and two touchdowns and 15 kickoffs for 264 yards. Derek averaged 22.8 yards on 24 catches for his high school championship team (Benson) in Portland, Oregon.

Beatty was one of the Buckeye's quickest receivers off the line. Greg closed out his college career with 22 receptions for 304 yards and 2 touchdowns. He attended Willowridge High School in Houston, Texas, where he led his high school to a four-year record of 42-7 and Houston Player of the Year accolades his senior season.

Brooks is an unheralded deep threat at wide out as well as a capable punt returner. Horace accumulated 103 receptions for 2,201 yards and 21 touchdowns, recording a touchdown every fifth catch, at Alabama State. He averaged 21.4 yards per reception throughout college, and scored on longs of 83 (twice) and 80 yards. He also returned 33 punts for 263 yards for an eight yard average. Brooks lettered three times in football at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Horace was born on December 12, 1970 in Auburn, AL.

Grant was signed by Kansas City last year after his big-play career as one of David Klinger's targets at Houston. His speed allowed him to average nearly 17 yards a catch for his career and his junior season saw his 78 catches rank third in the nation and his 114.7 per game average ranking second in the nation. He caught 116 passes in three years at Houston. Marcus had 1,000 yard receiving seasons at Carter High in Dallas, TX.

Mims, a tailback/wide receiver, led his Baylor team in 1992 with 518 yards on 80 carries and had six receptions for 136 yards including one touchdown for 80 yards vs. Colorado. He led team with 852 yards on 148 carries in 1991, rushing for 104 yards vs. Colorado, 168 vs Texas Tech and 103 vs. Texas. He concluded his college career with 378 rushes for 2,124 yards, nine scores, and 35 receptions for 472 yards and three touchdowns. The Most Valuable Player at Daingerfield High in Texas, David performed on Class 3A state championship squad. His final three years saw his team turn in a record of 37-3-1, as he rushed for over 2,500 yards with 37 touch-downs his final two seasons.

Rouse is a four-year NFL veteran who was drafted in the 8th round by the Bears in '90. He rushed 43 times for 130 yards and caught 15 passes for 93 yards in two years in Chicago. In 1990, he was a valuable special teamer who finished second on the team with 17 tackles. At Arkansas, Rouse gained 2,887 yards and scored 38 TD's in his collegiate career.

Spencer played tailback for the talent-laden Miami Hurricanes, gaining a combined 1,277 yards in three seasons. That included 65 catches for 935 yards. He overcame 1989 reconstructive knee surgery to accomplish this. From Merrit Island, FL, the 23-year-old has three cousins who all played in the NFL: Mercury Morris, Dennis McKinnon, and Tim Spencer.

Wallace enjoyed a 1,000-yard season at Cal, as the third leading rusher in the PAC 10. His 4.47 speed saw him have a 150-yard game and a long run of 63 yards. The 24-year old is from Glendale, CA.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Mel Agee	DL	Illinois	6-5	298	2
Lester Archambeau	DL	Stanford	6-5	264	3
Estevan Avila	NT	Stanford	6-3	285	R
Frank Giannetti	DT	Penn State	6-2	290	1
Bill Goldberg	DT	Georgia	6-2	266	1

Agee was signed by the Falcons on Dec. 22, 1992 to add depth to the line and he played in the team's final game against the Rams. A sixth-round draft choice of the Colts in '91, he totaled 29 tackles and 20 solos as a rookie. In his final two seasons at Illinois, he had 11 QB sacks, 5 fumble recoveries and 135 tackles. A native of Chicago, he was born Nov. 22, 1968.

Archambeau was acquired from the Packers on June 2 in exchange for WR James Milling. He totaled 4.5 QB sacks in 16 games played as a rookie in '91. He's also forced four fumbles in his three-year NFL career. A four-year starter at Stanford, he was a second team All-PAC 10 choice for two years before being selected on the 7th round by Green Bay in '90. Born in Philadelphia (6-27-67), he was an all-star at Montville (NJ) High. He received community service awards, including the Packers' Gillette "Man of the Year" in '92.

Avila has started 33 out of the last 35 collegiate games. He recorded 143 career tackles (83 solos) with 13 sacks and 30 stops for 147 yards in losses at Stanford. Estevan was born October 27, 1969 in Sebastopol, Ca. He attended Analay High where he was named the Sonoma Valley Lineman of the Year as well as garnering California High Scholar squad honors. He was a college teammate of Bob Whitfield and Ron George.

Giannetti was a 10th round 1991 draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts. He had an 8.5 QB sacks for Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions. The 25-year old just played in the Arena Football League (Charlotte) and hails from Tom's River, NJ.

Goldberg played in four games for the birds in '92 with one start. He ended up with two tackles in his initial NFL season after earning a Championship ring with the Sacramento Surge of the World League. He was a 1990 11th round draftee of the L.A. Rams. Bill led the Georgia Bulldogs with 121 tackles as a senior. He hails from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

LINEBACKERS

Oscar Giles	LB	Texas	6-2	246	1
Michael Stonebreaker	LB	Notre Dame	6-0	235	2

Giles starred on the defensive line for the Longhorns before signing with the Falcons in '91. He spent that season on the practice squad. A pass rushing specialist, Giles had 22 sacks and 62 hurries of the quarterback while at Texas.

Stonebreaker had been a 9th round '91 pick of the Chicago Bears, where he played all 16 games as a rookie. He led Notre Dame in 1990 with 104 tackles, a major feat after missing all of 1989 after a car accident (dislocated hip, broken kneecap, and a bruise to the brain). He had been All-American as a Sophomore. The 25-year old is from Baltimore, MD and River Ridge L.A. Mike's dad played for the Baltimore Colts.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Darrick Davis	CB	Idaho	5-8	153	R
Joe Fishback	S	Carson-Newman	6-0	208	4
Louis Riddick	S	Pittsburgh	6-2	216	2
Kelly Sims	CB	Cincinnati	5-10	200	1

Davis finished his senior year at Idaho after transferring from Long Beach State, where he played under coach George Allen. The L.A. native (Fairfax HS) has begun at Santa Monica JUCO. He was all-state in the 110-meter high hurdles and then won the Big Sky Indoor 55-meter championship.

Fishback played the final eight games for the Falcons after spending the first half of the season with the Jets. In '91, he had been the Falcons' leading tackler on special teams. Fishback was a member of the NAIA National Champs at Carson-Newman (TN). He attended Austin East High in his hometown of Knoxville, TN.

Riddick is another member of the Champion Surge team in the World League. Louis competed in all 16 games for the Falcons, with four starts, and finished with 74 tackles, one QB sack and one pass defended. His best outing was 11 tackles against Miami.

Sims rang up 226 tackles with five interceptions for the University of Cincinnati. He had experience starting at both corner and safety during his career.

ATLANTA FALCONS 1993 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP.	COLLEGE
68	Agee, Mel	D L	6' 5"	298	11/22/68	2	Illinois
62	Alex, Keith	G	6' 4"	307	6/9/69	1	Texas A&M
5	Alexander, Harold	P	6' 2"	224	10/20/70	R	Appalachian State
92	Archambeau, Lester	DL	6' 5"	264	6/27/67	3	Stanford
73	Avila, Estevan	NT	6' 3"	285	10/27/69	R	Stanford
84	Baker, Shannon	WR	5' 9"	185	7/20/71	R	Florida State
91	Baldwin, Derek	WR	6' 0"	175	7/30/71	R	Portland State
18	Beatty, Greg	WR	5' 11"	185	7/1/70	R	Ohio State
15	Brooks, Horace	WR	5' 8"	170	12/12/70	R	Alabama State
44	Broussard, Steve	RB	5' 7"	201	2/22/67	4	Washington State
77	Bryan, Rick	D E	6' 4"	270	3/20/62	10	Oklahoma
72	Buddenberg, John	G/T	6' 6"	285	10/9/65	1	Akron
25	Case, Scott	S	6' 1"	188	5/17/62	10	Oklahoma
14	Charles, John	QB	5' 11"	200	6/18/71	R	Portland State
27	Clark, Vinnie	C B	6' 0"	194	1/22/69	3	Ohio State
56	Conner, Darion	L B	6' 2"	245	9/28/67	4	Jackson State
34	Davis, Darrick	C B	5' 8"	153	9/29/69	R	Idaho
51	Dinkins, Howard	L B	6' 1"	230	4/26/69	2	Florida State
42	Donaldson, Jeff	S	6' 1"	194	4/19/62	10	Colorado
64	Dukes, Jamie	C	6' 1"	292	6/14/64	8	Florida State
32	Eaton, Tracey	S	6' 1"	195	7/19/65	6	Portland State
74	Epps, Tory	NT	6' 0"	280	5/28/67	4	Memphis State
29	Fishback, Joe	S	6' 0"	208	11/29/67	4	Carson Newman
53	Forde, Brian	L B	6' 3"	235	11/1/63	6	Washington State
65	Fortin, Roman	G/C	6' 5"	295	2/26/67	4	San Diego State
17	Fulhage, Scott	P	6' 0"	193	11/17/61	7	Kansas State
76	Gann, Mike	D E	6' 5"	270	10/19/63	9	Notre Dame
67	Gardner, Moe	NT	6' 2"	261	8/10/68	3	Illinois
97	Geathers, Jumpy	DT	6' 7"	290	6/26/60	10	Wichita State
48	George, Ron	L B	6' 2"	225	3/20/70	R	Stanford
93	Giannetti, Frank	L B	6' 2"	290	3/14/68	1	Penn State
59	Giles, Oscar	L B	6' 2"	246	9/27/68	1	Texas
71	Goldberg, Bill	DT	6' 2"	266	12/27/66	1	Georgia
89	Grant, Marcus	WR	5' 9"	172	9/12/70	1	Houston
99	Green, Tim	D E	6' 2"	249	12/16/63	8	Syracuse
63	Hall, Les	T	6' 6"	313	8/8/70	R	Clemson
50	Hardy, Darryl	L B	6' 2"	220	11/22/68	1	Tennessee
47	Harper, Roger	S	6' 2"	223	10/26/70	R	Ohio State
87	Hartley, Frank	T E	6' 2"	268	12/15/67	1	Illinois
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6' 0"	184	12/24/65	6	Northern Arizona
3	Hebert, Bobby	QB	6' 4"	215	8/19/60	8	NW Louisiana
85	Hill, Drew	WR	5' 9"	172	10/5/56	15	Georgia Tech
75	Hinton, Chris	G/T	6' 4"	305	7/31/61	11	Northwestern
95	Holt, Pierce	D L	6' 4"	275	1/1/62	6	Angelo State

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (Continued)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Jenkins, Melvin	C B	5'10"	173	6/16/62	7	Cincinnati
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6' 2"	203	5/31/60	12	UCLA
38	Jones, Keith	RB	6' 1"	210	3/20/66	5	Illinois
83	Jones, Tony	WR	5' 7"	148	12/30/65	4	Texas
19	Kalal, Tim	P	6' 3"	205	9/13/67	1	Miami
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6' 7"	286	2/9/56	16	Michigan
66	Kennedy, Lincoln	T/G	6' 6"	335	2/12/71	R	Washington
88	Le Bel, Harper	T E	6' 4"	248	7/14/63	5	Colo. State
86	Lyons, Mitch	T E	6' 4"	255	5/13/70	R	Michigan State
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6' 2"	212	8/9/65	7	Oregon
16	Mims, David	WR	5' 8"	191	7/7/70	R	Baylor
24	Mitchell, Brian	C B	5' 9"	175	12/13/68	3	BYU
22	Montgomery, Alton	S	6' 0"	202	6/16/68	4	Houston
36	Moore, Derrick	RB	6' 1"	227	10/13/67	2	NE St. Oklahoma
98	Ostroski, Jerry	G	6' 3"	316	7/12/70	1	Tulsa
33	Pegram, Eric	RB	5' 9"	188	1/7/69	3	N. Texas State
82	Phillips, Jason	WR	5' 7"	166	10/11/66	5	Houston
39	Pickens, Bruce	C B	5' 11"	190	5/9/68	3	Nebraska
35	Pritchard, Mike	WR	5' 11"	186	10/25/69	3	Colorado
30	Ray, Terry	S	6' 1"	205	10/12/69	2	Oklahoma
26	Riddick, Louis	S	6' 2"	216	3/15/69	2	Pittsburgh
80	Rison, Andre	WR	6' 1"	188	3/18/67	5	Michigan State
69	Rollins, Baron	G	6' 4"	340	7/23/70	R	Louisiana Tech
41	Rouse, James	RB	6' 0"	220	12/18/66	4	Arkansas
55	Ruether, Mike	G/C	6' 4"	286	9/20/62	8	Texas
21	Sanders, Deion	C B	6' 0"	185	8/9/67	5	Florida State
37	Shelley, Elbert	CB/S	5' 11"	185	12/24/64	7	Arkansas State
43	Sims, Kelly	C B	5'10"	200	11/10/70	1	Cincinnati
90	Smith, Chuck	LB/DE	6' 2"	246	12/21/69	2	Tennessee
28	Smith, Tony	RB	6' 1"	224	6/29/70	2	Southern Miss
54	Solomon Jesse	L B	6' 0"	240	11/4/63	8	Florida State
8	Spencer, Darryl	WR	5' 8"	173	3/21/70	R	Miami
96	Stevenson, Robert	C	6' 1"	285	12/20/69	R	Florida State
49	Stonebreaker, Michael	L B	6' 0"	235	1/14/67	2	Notre Dame
94	Styles, Lorenzo	G	6' 5"	286	10/19/70	R	West Virginia
52	Tippins, Ken	L B	6' 1"	235	7/22/66	5	Mid Tenn St
61	Toback, Robbie	C	6' 4"	275	3/6/70	R	Washington State
11	Tolliver, Billy Joe	QB	6' 1"	218	2/7/66	5	Texas Tech
58	Tuggle, Jessie	L B	5' 11"	230	2/14/65	7	Valdosta State
45	Walker, Damell	C B	5' 8"	164	1/17/70	R	Oklahoma
40	Wallace, Anthony	RB	6' 0"	191	7/8/69	1	California
70	Whitfield, Bob	T	6' 5"	308	10/18/71	2	Stanford

1993 Atlanta Falcon Cheerleaders

ALSTON, LYNETTE, College Park
• BARWICK, BONNIE, Atlanta
BOUCHARD, MEL LESADA, Mableton
CARRANDI, ANITA, Jonesboro
CASH, KAREN, Lawrenceville
CRAWFORD, MICKEY, Atlanta
CULLEN, DAWN, Duluth
DIXON, ANGIE, Calhoun
DUTTON, FRANCES, Lithonia
EDWARDS, MELVINA, Atlanta
EVANS, REGINA, Stockbridge
FOLEY, COURTNEY, Atlanta
• GIBBS, BIANCA, Athens
GILLIS, GAIL, Atlanta
HINESLEY, RHETT, Tucker
HOWINGTON, ANGIE, Athens
JOHNSON, CARLA, Atlanta
JOHNSON, KIM, Atlanta
KIMBRO, STACIE, Tucker
KORPIESKI, KRISTY, Athens
LINK, SHERRY, Jonesboro
LONG, LAURA PELLY, Marietta
• MCWHORTER, JENNIFER, Rome
• OGLETREE, DANIELLE, Morrow
PARRIS, APRIL, Atlanta
SIBLEY, BRANDY, Austell
STELLING, LISA, Atlanta
STEWART, KELLY, Smyrna
• STEWART, MONICA, Calhoun
• SUTHERLAND, KARLA, College Park
THACKER, LAURA, Griffin
TOMPKINS, KRISSY, Norcross
WHITE, CYNTHIA, Marietta
WILLIAMS, JENNIFER, Smyrna
• WILSON, KEISHA, Atlanta
WOLTER, CAROLE, Marietta

• new member

GINGER POOLE
Director/Choreographer

'92 IN REVIEW



Atlanta Falcons Final Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual) 6-10

WON 6, LOST 10

Sept. 6	W	20-17	NY Jets	65,585
Sept. 13	L	17-24	at Washington	54,343
Sept. 20	L	7-10	New Orleans	67,328
Sept. 27	L	31-41	at Chicago	63,528
Oct. 4	W	24-10	Green Bay	63,769
Oct. 11	L	17-21	at Miami	68,633
Oct. 18	L	17-56	at San Francisco	63,302
Nov. 1	W	30-28	L.A. Rams	62,168
Nov. 9	L	3-41	San Francisco	67,404
Nov. 15	W	20-17	Phoenix	58,477
Nov. 22	L	14-41	at Buffalo	80,004
Nov. 29	W	34-0	New England	54,494
Dec. 3	L	14-22	at New Orleans	68,591
Dec. 13	W	35-7	at Tampa Bay	39,056
Dec. 21	L	17-41	Dallas	67,036
Dec. 27	L	27-38	at L.A. Rams	37,706

TEAM STATISTICS FALCONS OPPONENTS

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	273	304
Rushing	67	109
Passing	194	172
Penalty	12	23
3rd Down: Made/Att	73/190	81/189
3rd Down Pct.	38.4	42.9
4th Down: Made/Att	5/14	1/6
4th Down Pct.	35.7	16.7
POSSESSION AVG.	28:36	31:24
TOTAL NET YARDS	4905	5549
Avg. Per Game	306.6	346.8
Total Plays	910	934
Avg. Per Play	5.4	5.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	1270	2294
Avg. Per Game	79.4	143.4
Total Rushes	322	464
NET YARDS PASSING	3635	3255
Avg. Per Game	227.2	203.4
Sacked/Yards Lost	40/259	31/241
Gross Yards	3894	3496
Att./Completions	548/336	439/277
Completion Pct.	61.3	63.1
Had Intercepted	15	11
PUNTS/AVERAGE	70/40.8	61/41.5
NET PUNTING AVG.	70/33.0	61/36.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	78/656	92/761
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	30/14	24/12
TOUCHDOWNS	39	51
Rushing	3	20
Passing	33	24
Returns	3	7

SCORE/PERIODS 1 2 3 4 OT TOT

FALCONS	94	96	55	82	0	327
OPPONENTS	100	137	96	81	0	414

RUSHING No. Yds. Avg. Long TD

Broussard	84	363	4.3	27	1
T. Smith	87	329	3.8	32	2
K. Jones	79	278	3.5	26	0
Miller	23	89	3.9	16	0
Pegram	21	89	4.2	15	0
Wilson	15	62	4.1	12	0
Pritchard	5	37	7.4	22	0
Tolliver	4	15	3.8	15	0
Solomon	2	12	6.0	12	0
Fulhage	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sanders	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
FALCONS	322	1270	3.9	32	3
OPPONENTS	464	2294	4.9	64	20

RECEIVING No. Yds. Avg. Long TD

Rison	93	1121	12.1	71	11
Pritchard	77	827	10.7	38	5
Hill	60	623	10.4	43	3
Haynes	48	808	16.8	89	10
T. Jones	14	138	9.9	24	1
K. Jones	12	94	7.8	15	0
Broussard	11	96	8.7	24	1
Thomas	6	54	9.0	18	0
Phillips	4	26	6.5	8	1
Sanders	3	45	15.0	37	1
Milling	3	25	8.3	15	0
Pegram	2	25	12.5	19	0
T. Smith	2	14	7.0	8	0
Hinton	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
FALCONS	336	3894	11.6	89	33
OPPONENTS	277	3496	12.6	80	24

SCORING TDR TDP TDR1 PAT FG S TP

N. Johnson	0	0	0	39/39	18/22	0	93
Rison	0	11	0	0/0	0/0	0	66
Haynes	0	10	0	0/0	0/0	0	60
Pritchard	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
Hill	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Sanders	0	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	18
Broussard	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
T. Smith	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
T. Jones	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Phillips	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tuggle	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
FALCONS	3	33	3	39/39	18/22	0	327
OPPONENTS	20	24	7	51/51	19/31	0	414

FIELD GOALS	I-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Johnson	0/0	6/6	4/5	4/7	4/4
FALCONS	0/0	6/6	4/5	4/7	4/4
OPPONENTS	1/1	7/7	3/5	8/14	0/4

Johnson: (25G,54G)(24G)(41N)(46G)(49G)(52G)
(51G,41N)(49G,26G,37G)(33G)(27G,35G)(37B)(43N,
26G,54G)()(27G)(44G,38G)
OPPONENTS: (43G,41N,42N)(39N,41G,39N)(47G)
(20G,21G)(43N,41G)(50N,50N)()(40G,32G)(56B,
49G,48N,53N)(47G,18G)(48N)(20G,31G,24G,26G,
37G)()(47G,22G,46N)(24G)

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Sanders	3	105	35.0	55	0
Pickens	2	16	8.0	16	0
Case	2	0	0.0	0	0
Solomon	1	13	13.0	13	0
Tuggle	1	1	1.0	1	0
McKyer	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mitchell	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	11	135	12.3	55	0
OPPONENTS	15	246	16.4	48t	3



PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Fulhage	68	2818	41.4	33.0	3	11	56	1
Johnson	1	37	37.0	37.0	0	1	37	0
FALCONS	70	2855	40.8	33.0	3	12	56	1
OPPONENTS	61	2534	41.5	36.7	5	20	61	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
T. Smith	16	4	155	9.7	45	0
Sanders	13	9	41	3.2	14	0
Phillips	0	1	0	—	—	0
FALCONS	29	14	196	6.8	45	0
OPPONENTS	44	10	482	11.0	61t	4

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Barnett	1	13	13.0	13	0
Epps	0	0	—	—	0
Fortin	1	5	5.0	5	0
K. Jones	6	114	19.0	29	0
Pegram	9	161	17.9	42	0
Sanders	40	1067	26.7	99t	2
T. Smith	7	172	24.6	60	0
FALCONS	64	1532	23.9	99t	2
OPPONENTS	55	1059	19.3	39	0

SACKS: Conner 7.0, Gardner 4.5, Solomon 4.5, Green 3.0, Tippins 3.0, Gann 2.0, C. Smith 2.0, Donaldson 1.0, McKyer 1.0, Pickens 1.0, Riddick 1.0, Tuggle 1.0,
FALCONS 31.0, OPPONENTS 40.0

PASSING	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int.	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Miller	253	152	1739	60.1	6.87	15	5.9	6	2.4	89t	16/ 103	90.7
Wilson	163	111	1368	68.1	8.39	13	8.0	4	2.5	60t	8/ 58	110.2
Tolliver	131	73	787	55.7	6.01	5	3.8	5	3.8	30t	16/ 98	70.4
K. Jones	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	39.6
FALCONS	548	336	3894	61.3	7.11	33	6.0	15	2.7	89t	40/259	91.5
OPPONENTS	439	277	3496	63.1	7.96	24	5.5	11	2.5	80t	31/241	95.6

The Butler Did It For 12 Seasons

Cornerback Bobby Butler was a stellar performer in the Falcons secondary for 12 years. He played in 169 games for the birds, third most in team history. The former first round draft pick in 1981 from Florida State is fifth on team charts with his 27 career interceptions. Here are the career stats of a player who will be remembered for his excellence on the field and outstanding service in the community, as well as his famous smile and first class personality.

Years	GP/GS	Tackles	Int's.	LG	TD	FR	TD
12	169/126	485 (329/146)	27	41	1	9	3

Defensive Stats

(Final Official)

PLAYER	TOT TKL	TKL	AST	SCK/YDS	QB PRESSURES	INT.YDS.	PASSES DEF	FUMBLES REC	BATTED FORCED	BALL
Tuggle	193	90	103	1/3	6	1/0	0	0	1	0
Donaldson	150	59	91	1/10	2	0/0	5	0	1	0
Solomon	147	78	69	4.5/39	10	1/12	1	0	1	2
Conner	116	60	56	7/67	26	0/0	0	0	4	0
Tippins	115	62	53	3/22	7	0/0	2	0	1	0
Gardner	111	47	64	4.5/27	24	0/0	1	0	0	0
Case	102	51	51	0/0	0	2/0	3	2	0	0
Gann	81	32	49	2/9	9	0/0	0	2	0	1
Riddick	74	33	41	1/12	0	0/0	1	0	0	0
Green	73	38	35	3/20	17	0/0	0	1	0	0
Sanders	66	44	22	0/0	0	3/105	4	1	2	0
McKyer	59	43	16	1/6	0	1/0	14	0	0	0
Barnett	54	24	30	0/0	8	0/0	0	0	1	2
Epps	54	16	38	0/0	5	0/0	0	1	1	1
Pickens	51	35	16	1/8	1	2/18	9	0	2	0
Ray	30	15	15	0/0	0	0/0	0	1	0	0
Smith,C	30	14	16	2/18	16	0/0	0	0	0	2
Mitchell	23	15	8	0/0	0	1/0	3	0	0	0
Reid	18	8	10	0/0	2	0/0	0	1	0	0
Butler	7	2	5	0/0	1	0/0	2	0	0	0
Fishback	7	2	5	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Shelley	4	3	1	0/0	2	0/0	1	0	0	0
Goldberg	2	2	0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Washington	2	1	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	1569	774	795	31/241	136	11/135	46	9	14	8

Special Team Stats

PLAYER	(16 Games Played)				
	TACKLES	REC FUMB	FORCED FUMB	BLOCKED KICK	BLOCKED PUNT
Shelley	21	0	0	0	0
Tippins	16	1	1	0	0
Washington	16	0	0	0	0
Reid	14	0	0	0	0
Pickens	9	0	0	0	0
Smith,C	9	0	0	0	0
Fishback	8	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	8	1	0	0	0
Pegram	7	0	0	0	0
Ray	6	0	0	0	0
Solomon	6	0	0	0	0
Conner	5	0	0	1	0
K. Jones	5	0	0	0	0
LeBel	5	0	0	0	0
Riddick	5	0	0	0	0
Tuggle	5	1	0	0	0
Donaldson	2	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2	0	0	0	0
Butler	1	0	0	0	0
Fulhage	1	0	0	0	0
Gann	0	0	0	1	0
Totals:	151	3	1	2	0

Long Plays of 1992

(30 or More Yards)

Deion Sanders 99 yard KO return for TD at Washington
Michael Haynes 89 yard TD reception at Washington
Deion Sanders 73 yard KO return for TD at Buffalo(lateral)
Andre Rison 71 yard TD reception at Chicago
Jessie Tuggle 69 yard fumble return for TD at New Orleans
Michael Haynes 60 yard TD reception at Tampa Bay
Deion Sanders 60 yard KO return at New Orleans
Tony Smith 60 yard KO return vs. LA Rams
Deion Sanders 55 yard KO return at Chicago
Deion Sanders 55 yard interception return at New Orleans (lateral)
Norm Johnson 54 yard FG vs. NY Jets
Norm Johnson 54 yard FG vs. New England
Norm Johnson 52 yard FG at Miami
Norm Johnson 51 yard FG at San Francisco
Deion Sanders 50 yard KO return at New Orleans
Norm Johnson 49 yard FG vs. Green Bay
Norm Johnson 49 yard FG vs. LA Rams
Deion Sanders 48 yard KO return vs. Green Bay
Michael Haynes 47 yard reception vs. Dallas
Norm Johnson 46 yard FG at Chicago
Tony Smith 45 yard Punt return vs. LA Rams
Michael Haynes 44 yard TD reception at San Francisco
Norm Johnson 44 yard FG at LA Rams
Drew Hill 43 yard reception at LA Rams
Eric Pegram 42 yard KO return (reverse) at New Orleans
Mike Pritchard 38 yard TD reception at Tampa Bay
Tony Smith 38 yard KO return at San Francisco
Michael Haynes 38 yard TD reception vs. LA Rams
Norm Johnson 38 yard FG at LA Rams
Deion Sanders 37 yard TD reception at Tampa Bay
Norm Johnson 37 yard FG vs. LA Rams
Norm Johnson 33 yard FG vs. San Francisco
Deion Sanders 32 yard interception vs. New England
Tony Smith 32 yard run vs. NY Jets
Deion Sanders 30 yard KO return at LA Rams
Andre Rison 30 yard TD reception vs. Phoenix
Tony Smith 30 yard punt return vs. New England

(Note: Scoring Plays are in bold face type)

1992 Game-By-Game Offensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs (R/P/S/PN)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds.	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fumbles	Penalt.	
NEW YORK JETS	W 20-17	17	7/10/0	12/4	0/0	306	189	117 30/21/0	1-7	0	2	0	5/46.8	2/0	6/85
at Washington	L 17-24	7	0/7/0	10/2	0/0	266	232	34 25/11/1	1-10	0	1	1	6/39.2	1/0	7/35
NEW ORLEANS	L 7-10	19	7/11/1	15/7	1/0	278	188	90 35/21/1	4-16	0	1	0	5/27.0	3/1	2/21
at Chicago	L 31-41	19	1/15/3	11/3	3/0	348	324	24 48/30/1	3-27	0	4	0	4/44.8	1/0	3/34
GREEN BAY	W 24-10	17	5/11/1	11/6	1/1	268	166	102 26/16/0	2-5	0	3	0	3/40.7	0/0	2/30
at Miami	L 17-21	20	4/13/3	11/4	1/0	323	254	69 41/26/1	0-0	0	2	0	4/40.3	1/1	5/62
at San Francisco	L 17-56	18	4/13/1	13/3	1/1	297	242	55 43/23/2	4-27	0	2	0	6/38.3	2/0	9/86
NFC West BYE															
LA RAMS	W 30-28	19	8/11/0	14/6	0/0	350	214	136 33/19/0	3-19	1	2	0	5/42	3/2	6/57
SAN FRANCISCO	L 3-41	20	5/15/0	10/3	1/0	304	245	59 41/25/3	3-21	0	0	0	4/39	3/3	6/40
PHOENIX	W 20-17	19	7/12/0	10/3	0/0	337	223	114 27/19/1	4-17	0	2	0	3/39.3	4/2	5/30
at Buffalo	L 14-41	11	2/8/1	16/5	2/1	174	128	46 36/17/1	1-8	0	1	1	7/42.4	0/0	5/30
NEW ENGLAND	W 34-0	17	7/7/3	15/8	0/0	253	112	141 19/10/0	1-9	2	2	0	3/42	1/0	3/15
at New Orleans	L 14-22	10	3/7/0	7/2	0/0	168	92	76 21/11/2	5-34	0	1	1	4/46.5	2/1	1/5
at Tampa Bay	W 35-7	20	5/15/0	13/9	0/0	413	327	86 30/22/0	2-12	0	5	0	4/41.3	0/0	7/40
DALLAS	L 17-41	18	0/18/0	11/4	4/2	375	335	40 46/34/0	4-37	0	2	0	2/49.5	4/3	3/24
at LA Rams	L 27-38	23	2/21/0	11/4	0/0	445	363	82 47/31/2	2-11	0	3	0	5/40.4	2/1	8/62
TOTALS:	327-414	273	67/194/12	190/73	14/5	4905	3635	1270 548/336/15	40/259	3	33	3	70/40.8	30/14	78/656

1992 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/P/S/P/N)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Pass	Net Rush	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds.	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fumbles	Opp. Penalt.
NEW YORK JETS	W 20-17	21	4/15/2	10/4	0/0	411	343	66	37/21/0	2/23	0	2	0	3/45.0/135	2/2	9/60
at Washington	L 17-24	24	10/14/0	15/10	0/0	343	169	174	28/18/1	1/12	0	2	1	2/37.5/75	1/1	2/20
NEW ORLEANS	L 7-10	13	6/6/1	9/2	1/0	229	108	121	19/9/0	1/11	0	1	0	5/41.6/208	1/0	6/50
at Chicago	L 31-41	23	9/13/1	13/5	0/0	489	272	217	24/18/0	2/8	3	2	0	6/42.5/255	0/0	7/91
GREEN BAY	W 24-10	21	6/13/2	12/6	0/0	338	261	77	43/33/1	2/15	0	1	1	3/38.3/115	1/1	7/62
at Miami	L 17-21	23	7/13/3	14/8	1/0	346	248	98	40/20/0	1/2	2	0	1	3/38.0/114	2/1	9/69
at San Francisco	L 17-56	30	10/16/4	10/6	0/0	590	399	191	31/18/1	0/0	5	3	0	3/30.7/92	1/0	11/90
LA RAMS	W 30-28	19	6/11/2	11/3	1/0	359	212	147	33/22/0	6/41	0	4	0	7/40.8/284	2/2	6/35
SAN FRANCISCO	L 3-41	16	6/9/1	15/7	0/0	303	151	152	19/13/0	2/5	1	3	1	4/39.3/157	1/0	1/10
PHOENIX	W 20-17	15	2/11/2	12/5	1/1	271	232	39	34/19/2	3/29	0	1	1	1/50.0/50	2/2	5/30
at Buffalo	L 14-41	19	12/6/1	10/4	0/0	412	97	315	17/8/1	0/0	3	2	0	3/41.3/124	1/0	6/54
NEW ENGLAND	W 34-0	8	4/2/2	10/2	0/0	105	15	90	15/9/2	5/43	0	0	0	5/45.0/225	5/2	6/65
at New Orleans	L 14-22	22	8/13/1	15/7	1/0	388	244	144	30/20/1	0/0	0	0	1	1/41.0/41	1/1	1/10
at Tampa Bay	W 35-7	17	4/12/1	11/3	1/0	254	150	104	29/20/1	4/27	1	0	0	7/44.3/810	1/0	5/30
DALLAS	L 17-41	19	9/10/0	9/4	0/0	435	239	196	21/18/0	0/0	2	3	0	2/53.0/106	0/0	7/50
at LA Rams	L 27-38	16	6/8/2	14/5	0/0	276	108	168	18/11/1	3/32	3	0	2	8/40.5/243	2/0	3/25
TOTALS:	327-414	304	109/172/23	189/81	6/1	5549	3255	2294	439/277/11	31/241	20	24	7	61/41.5/2534	24/12	92/761

1992 Game-By-Game Rushing Statistics

Game	W/L	Score Alt-Opp	Broussard At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Jones At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Miller At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Pegram At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Pritchard At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Smith At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Tolliver At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD	Wilson At/Yd/Avg/LG/TD
NEW YORK JETS	W	20-17	0/0/0/0/0	11/41/3.7/15/0	7/0/0/3/0	5/36/7.2/13/0	0/0/0/0/0	3/40/13.3/32/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
at Washington	L	17-24	5/10/2/8/0	4/12/3/7/0	2/13/6.5/8/0	1/-1/-1/-1/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
NEW ORLEANS	L	7-10	9/25/2.8/5/0	7/20/2.9/0	3/7/2.3/8/0	2/13/6.5/15/0	0/0/0/0/0	7/25/3.6/9/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
at Chicago	L	31-41	5/21/4.2/9/0	0/0/0/0/0	1/4/4/4/0	1/11/1/1/0	0/0/0/0/0	2/-2/-1/1/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
GREEN BAY	W	24-10	2/10/5.1/1/0	17/87/5.1/26/0	2/4/2/2/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	3/10/3.3/8/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
at Miami	L	17-21	2/9/4.5/8/0	12/55/4.6/8/0	2/5/2.5/5/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
at San Francisco	L	17-56	0/0/0/0/0	1/0/0/0/0	4/36/9/16/0	1/-1/-1/-1/0	0/0/0/0/0	8/20/2.5/11/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
NFC West BYE										
LA RAMS	W	30-28	2/17/8.5/20/0	1/3/3/3/0	2/21/10.5/15/0	0/0/0/0/0	3/38/12.7/22/0	19/58/3.1/11/1	1/-1/-1/-1/0	0/0/0/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	L	3-41	4/22/5.5/13/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	1/11/1/1/0	9/36/4/8/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
PHOENIX	W	20-17	16/87/5.4/27/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	7/91/3.5/0	1/15/15/15/0	3/31/3/0
at Buffalo	L	14-41	4/8/2/3/0	10/23/2.3/6/0	0/0/0/0/0	2/10/5/5/0	0/0/0/0/0	2/5/2.5/3/0	0/0/0/0/0	1/0/0/0/0
NEW ENGLAND	W	34-0	8/18/2.3/8/1	7/18/2.6/8/0	0/0/0/0/0	8/26/3.3/6/0	1/-2/-2/-2/0	10/81/8.1/29/1	1/3/3/3/0	3/-3/-1/-1/0
at New Orleans	L	14-22	8/63/7.9/21/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	5/13/2.6/8/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0
at Tampa Bay	W	35-7	9/39/4.3/13/0	1/3/3/3/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	10/25/2.5/11/0	1/-2/-2/-2/0	2/9/4.5/10/0
DALLAS	L	17-41	4/17/4.3/11/0	2/3/1.5/4/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	2/9/4.5/7/0	0/0/0/0/0	2/15/7.5/10/0
at LA Rams	L	27-38	6/26/4.3/8/0	6/13/2.2/5/0	0/0/0/0/0	1/5/5/5/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	0/0/0/0/0	4/38/9.5/12/0
TOTALS:		327-414	84/363/4.3/27/1	79/278/3.5/26/0	23/90/3.9/16/0	21/89/4.2/15/0	5/37/7.4/22/0	87/329/3.8/32/2	4/15/3.8/15/0	15/62/4.1/12/0

1992 Game-By-Game Receiving Statistics

Game	Score	Broussard		Haynes		Hill		K. Jones		T. Jones		Milling		Pegram		Phillips		Pritchard		Rison		Smith		Thomas		Sanders	
		W/L	All/Opp	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD	Rec	Yd/TD
NEW YORK at Washington NEW ORLEANS at Chicago GREEN BAY at Miami at San Francisco	W	20-17	0/0/0	4/45/2	3/23/0	3/22/0	3/17/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	8/89/0	Inact.	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	
	L	17-24	1/11/0	1/89/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/32/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/66/0	2/22/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/22/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	7-10	1/12/0	0/0/0	6/45/0	0/0/0	3/23/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	7/85/1	3/31/0	1/8/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	31-41	0/0/0	0/0/0	8/83/0	0/0/0	3/41/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	8/52/0	10/177/3	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	W	24-10	0/0/0	2/20/0	1/8/0	0/0/0	2/21/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	5/44/1	6/78/2	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	17-21	0/0/0	3/29/0	7/57/0	1/12/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	7/46/1	7/101/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	0/0/0		
	L	17-56	0/0/0	3/58/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/15/0	0/0/0	1/19/0	3/18/1	4/31/0	8/94/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	4/31/0	8/94/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/34/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	NFC West BYE																										
LOS ANGELES SAN FRANCISCO PHOENIX at Buffalo NEW ENGLAND at New Orleans at Tampa Bay DALLAS at Los Angeles	W	30-28	1/3/0	5/86/2	2/26/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/21/0	8/99/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/-20	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	3-41	0/0/0	6/83/0	3/37/0	2/20/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/27/0	11/99/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	W	20-17	1/24/0	5/61/0	2/22/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	4/46/0	7/87/2	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	14-41	1/3/0	1/12/0	5/35/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/8/0	3/26/0	6/52/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	W	34-0	1/18/1	1/11/0	2/36/1	2/14/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/16/0	3/26/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	L	14-22	2/9/0	1/13/1	1/16/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/25/0	4/63/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
	W	35-7	0/0/0	5/113/2	3/44/0	1/6/0	1/4/0	1/5/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/5/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/66/1	5/59/1	1/6/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/36/1	0/0/0		
	L	17-41	2/12/0	5/100/0	9/84/1	2/21/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/5/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	9/105/0	6/45/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0		
L	27-38	1/4/0	6/88/1	8/107/0	1/-1/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/6/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	7/82/1	7/88/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0			
TOTALS:		327-414	11/96/1	48/808/10	60/623/3	12/94/0	14/138/1	3/25/0	2/25/0	4/26/1	77/827/5	93/1121/11	2/14/0	6/54/0	3/45/1												

1992 Game-By-Game Passing Statistics

Game	SCORE W/L	Att/Opp	MILLER Att/Comp/Comp%/Yds/Long/TD/Int/Rate	TOLLIVER Att/Comp/Comp%/Yds/Long/TD/Int/Rate	WILSON Att/Comp/Comp%/Yds/Long/TD/Int/Rate
NEW YORK at Washington	W L	20-17 17-24	29/21/72.4/196/17/20/113.58 25/11/44.0/242/89/11/75.75	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00
NEW ORLEANS at Chicago	L L	7-10 31-41	35/21/60.0/204/21/11/73.99 48/30/62.5/351/71/41/103.73	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00
GREEN BAY at Miami	W L	24-10 17-21	26/16/61.5/171/24/3/0/119.20 41/26/63.4/254/22/21/86.84	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00
at San Francisco	L	17-56	27/14/51.9/174/44/11/2/53.63 NFC West BYE	10/5/50.0/60/19/0/0/68.75	6/4/66.7/35/12/1/0/121.53
LOS ANGELES SAN FRANCISCO	W L	30-28 3-41	22/13/59.1/147/38/10/94.32	11/6/54.5/86/24/1/0/110.42 25/16/64.0/178/18/0/3/35.08	0/0/0.0/0/0/0/0.00 16/9/56.3/88/17/0/0/71.92
PHOENIX at Buffalo	W W	20-17 14-41	24/16/66.7/209/30/21/104.62	24/16/66.7/209/30/21/104.62	3/3/100.0/31/13/0/0/128.47
NEW ENGLAND at New Orleans	W L	34-0 14-22	18/9/50.0/107/26/2/0/105.56	23/8/35.0/47/13/0/1/21.65 11/6/54.5/55/23/0/0/68.75	13/9/69.2/89/21/1/0/113.92 1/1/100.0/14/14/0/0/143.75
at Tampa Bay	W	35-7	4/3/75.0/15/6/0/0/80.21	5/4/80.0/30/11/0/0/93.75	10/5/50.0/71/29/1/2/23.33 26/19/73.1/324/60/5/0/154.42
DALLAS at Los Angeles	L L	17-41 27-38			41/30/73.2/342/47/2/0/113.93 47/31/66.0/374/43/3/2/93.79
TOTALS:		327-414	253/152/60.08/1739/89/15/6/90.67	131/73/55.73/787/30/5/5/70.37	163/111/68.10/1368/60/13/4/110.16

Note: RB Keith Jones had 1 incompleated pass

Game 1 (September 6)
Atlanta 20, New York Jets 17
 Georgia Dome (65,585)

The Falcons opened by scoring on their first four possessions of the season and rookie RB Tony Smith took the first play of 1992 over left tackle for 32 yards. But, the important big finish saw Atlanta hold on to the win by starting at their own five-yard line and running the final 5:41 off the clock, denying the Jets a chance to ever get the football back. The birds defense responded to the inaugural game with two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two QB sacks.

ATLANTA	17	3	0	0	—	20
New York Jets	0	10	7	0	—	17

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 25 yard FG
 Atl — Haynes 14 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Haynes 11 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 NY — Staurovsky 43 yard FG
 Atl — Johnson 54 yard FG
 NY — Toon 15 yard pass from Nagle (Staurovsky kick)
 NY — Burkett 37 yard pass from Nagle (Staurovsky kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Jets
First Downs	17	21
Total Yardage	306	411
Rushes/Yards	26-117	18-68
Passing Yardage	189	343
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30-21-0	37-21-0
Sacked/Yards	1-7	2-23
Penalties/Yards	6-85	9-60
Fumbles Lost	2-0	2-0

Rushing

Falcons — K. Jones 11-41, Smith 3-40, Pegram 5-36, Miller 7-0.
 Jets — Baxter 5-28, McNeil 3-23, Thomas 9-17, Nagle 1-0.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 29-21-196 yards-2TD-0int., long 17, K. Jones 1-0.
 Jets — Nagle 37-21-366 yards-2TD-0int., long 51.

Receiving

Falcons — Pritchard 8-89, Haynes 4-45-2, Hill 3-23, K. Jones 3-22, T. Jones 3-17.
 Jets — Carpenter 6-109, Moore 5-99, Burkett 3-57-1, Mathis 2-32, Mitchell 1-23, Sadowski 1-20, Toon 1-15-1, Baxter 1-12, Boyer 1-(-1).

Game 2 (September 13)
Washington 24, Atlanta 17
 RFK Stadium (54,343)

The Super Bowl Champion Redskins were absolutely perfect as they ran 71 offensive plays and 38 defensive plays without so much as one penalty. In another "what if" scenario, the Redskins' Kurt Gouveia came off the bench with 12:28 in the game to join in a fight on the field. Although detected from the press box, it went undetected from the field. It's a mandatory ejection from the game for leaving the bench to join a fight, but since he wasn't thrown out, he ended up later making the game-saving end zone interception. In CB Deion Sanders' first appearance in Falcon black in 1993, Sanders answered his first kickoff return with a 99-yard return for a touchdown. The birds' defense failed to give up a point in the fourth quarter for the second straight week despite the absence of starting LB Jessie Tuggle, who came down with viral meningitis. Atlanta's interception in the fourth was their first turnover of the season. They currently stand fourth best in the NFL at +3.

ATLANTA	0	14	0	3	—	17
Washington	0	2	13	0	—	24

Scoring

Wash — Byner 5 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
 Wash — Howard 55 yard lateral return off punt (Lohmiller kick)
 Atl — Sanders 99 yard KO return (Johnson kick)
 Wash — Clark 16 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
 Atl — Haynes 89 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Wash — Lohmiller 41 yard FG
 Atl — Johnson 24 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Wash.
First Downs	7	24
Total Yardage	266	343
Rushes/Yards	12-34	42-174
Passing Yardage	232	169
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	25-11-1	28-18-1
Sacked/Yards	1-10	1-12
Penalties/Yards	7-35	2-20
Fumbles Lost	1-0	1-1

Rushing

Falcons — C. Miller 2-13, K. Jones 4-12, S. Broussard 5-10, E. Pegram 1-(-1)
 Redskins — Byner 22-91, Ervins 16-71, Monk 2-11, Rypien 2-1

Passing

Falcons — Miller 25-11-242 yards-1td-1int., long 89
 Redskins — Rypien 28-18-181 yards-2td-1int., long 23

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 1-89-1, Pritchard 3-66, T. Jones 2-32, Rison 2-22, Thomas 2-22, Broussard 1-11.
 Redskins — Clark 6-73-1, Monk 6-44, Sanders 2-38, Byner 4-26-1.

Game 3 (September 20)
New Orleans 10, Atlanta 7
 Georgia Dome (67,328)

Atlanta's offense has controlled the clock against the Jets (35:18) and the Saints (34:20), but a Norm Johnson FG from 41 yards out in the second half hit the right cross bar and bounced away, making that Johnson's first FG ever missed from 45 yards and in as a Falcon. Morten Andersen made good on his 47-yard FG to give the Saints a three-point lead with 1:51 remaining, but the Falcons were only able to muster one first down on the potential game-tying drive.

ATLANTA	0	7	0	0	—	7
New Orleans	0	0	7	3	—	10

Scoring

Atl — Pritchard 14 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 NO — Early 11 yard pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
 NO — Andersen 47 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	NO
First Downs	19	13
Total Yardage	278	229
Rushes/Yards	90	121
Passing Yardage	188	108
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	35-21-1	19-9-0
Sacked/Yards	4-16	1-11
Penalties/Yards	2-21	6-50
Fumbles Lost	3-1	1-0

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 9-25, Smith 7-25, K. Jones 7-20, Pegram 2-13, Miller 3-7.
 Saints — Dunbar 16-85, Hilliard 4-20, Heyward 2-10, Hebert 2-7, McAfee 1-(-1).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 35-21-204 yards-1td-0int., long 21.
 Saints — Hebert 19-9-119 yards-1td-0int., long 2.

Receiving

Falcons — Pritchard 7-85-1, Hill 6-45, Rison 3-31, T. Jones 3-23, Broussard 1-12, Smith 1-8.
 Saints — Martin 4-48, Carroll 2-31, Heyward 1-21, Early 1-11-1, Newman 1-8.

Game 4 (September 27)
Chicago 41, Atlanta 31
 Soldier Field (63,528)

Three of the four scores in the first quarter belonged to the Bears as the Falcons were unable to get on track. Chicago posted scores to give the NFC Central Bears a 17-0 lead before Falcon WR Andre Rison caught a Chris Miller pass for a 71-yard touchdown to end the first. The Bears led 31-7 at the half. Atlanta answered back quickly with two touchdown passes. A 6-yarder from Miller to Rison and a 23 yarder to WR Tony Jones cut the lead to 10 at 31-21. A Norm Johnson FG from 46 yards and another Rison touchdown reception (he had three on the day) was not enough as the birds fell prey to the Bears 41-31.

ATLANTA	7	0	14	10	—	31
Chicago	17	14	7	3	—	41

Scoring

Chi — N. Anderson 49 yard run (Butler kick)
 Chi — Butler 20 yard FG
 Chi — T. Waddle 41 yard pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick)
 Atl — Rison 71 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Chi — N. Anderson 14 yard run (Butler kick)
 Chi — W. Davis 11 yard pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick)
 Atl — Rison 6 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — T. Jones 23 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Chi — B. Muster 14 yard run (Butler kick)
 Atl — N. Johnson 46 yard FG
 Chi — Butler 21 yard FG
 Atl — Rison 10 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Chicago
First Downs	19	23
Total Yardage	348	489
Rushes/Yards	10-24	36-217
Passing Yardage	324	272
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	48-30-1	24-18-0
Sacked/Yards	3-27	2-8
Penalties/Yards	3-34	7-91
Fumbles Lost	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 5-21, Miller 1-4, Pegram 1-1, Fulhage 1-0, Smith 2 (-2).
 Bears — Muster 10-96-1, Anderson 15-74-2, Harbaugh 5-21, Davis 1-21, Green 2-3, Lewis 3-2.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 48-30-351 yards-4td-1int., long 71.
 Bears — Harbaugh 24-18-280 yards-2td-0int., long 41.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 10-177-3, Hill 8-83, Pritchard 6-52, T. Jones 3-41-1, Hinton 1 (-2).
 Bears — Anderson 6-80, Waddle 3-62-1, Muster 3-5-1, Jennings 2-25, Wright 1-24, Blackwell 1-18, Davis 1-11-1, Lewis 1-9.

Game 5 (October 4)
Atlanta 24, Green Bay 10
 Georgia Dome (63,769)

WR Mike Pritchard and WR Andre Rison each caught touchdown passes in the first quarter, 2 yards and 10 yards, from QB Chris Miller, and an early third quarter FG by K Norm Johnson had the Falcons out in front 17-0 before QB Brett Favre connected with WR Sterling Sharpe for a 15-yard touchdown. Packer K Chris Jacke made good on his 41-yard FG attempt in the fourth to cut the birds' lead to seven. But Miller connected once again with Rison for 21 yards and a 24-10 victory. The Falcons defense constantly put pressure on Favre all afternoon.

ATLANTA	14	0	3	7	—	24
Green Bay	0	0	7	3	—	10

Scoring

Atl — Pritchard 2 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Rison 10 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Johnson 49 yard FG
 GB — Sharpe 15 yard pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
 GB — Jacke 41 yard FG
 Atl — Rison 21 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	GB
First Downs	17	21
Total Yardage	268	338
Rushes/Yards	24-102	19-77
Passing Yardage	166	261
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	26-16-0	43-33-1
Sacked/Yards	2-5	2-15
Penalties/Yards	2-30	7-62
Fumbles Lost	0-0	1-1

Rushing

Falcons — K. Jones 17-87, T. Smith 3-10, C. Miller 2-4, Broussard 2-1.
 Packers — Workman 17-70, Favre 1-4, McGee 1-3.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 26-16-171 yards-3td-0int., long 24
 Packers — Favre 43-33-276 yards-1td-1int., long 24

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 6-78-2, Pritchard 5-44-1, T. Jones 2-21, Haynes 2-20, Hill 1-8.
 Packers — Sharpe 9-107-2, Harris 6-63, Workman 8-37, Beach 5-32, Sydney 4-29, McGee 1-8.

Game 6 (October 11)
Miami 21, Atlanta 17
 Joe Robbie Stadium (68,633)

The hype for this away game was better known as "Deion's Day" in which the multi-talented CB dashed between the National League Championship series against the Pittsburgh Pirates and his other sport, the Atlanta Falcons. Sanders traveled 2,000 miles to be with his football teammates and play in the NLCS for the weekend. The Falcons, who are tied for second in the NFL in fewest turnovers with just six in six games, committed two fatal turnovers against the Dolphins. The first one was a fumble at the one-yard line, costing them a touchdown. The second was an interception returned for a TD, giving the opponents an easy seven. Although Atlanta's attempt for the winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter and deep in Miami territory fell short, the defense was able to keep Dan Marino from throwing a touchdown pass, breaking his 13-game streak.

ATLANTA	0	10	7	0	—	17
Miami	7	0	7	7	—	21

Scoring

Mia — Higgs 14 yard run(Stoyanovich kick)
 Atl — Pritchard 18 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Johnson 52 yard FG
 Atl — Rison 22 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Mia — Jackson 30 yard interception return (Stoyanovich kick)
 Mia — Higgs 1 yard run(Stoyanovich kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Miami
First Downs	20	23
Total Yardage	323	346
Rushes/Yards	16-69	22-98
Passing Yardage	254	248
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41-26-1	40-20-0
Sacked/Yards	0-0	1-2
Penalties/Yards	5-62	9-69
Fumbles Lost	1-1	2-1

Rushing

Falcons — K. Jones 12-55, Broussard 2-9, Miller 2-5.
 Dolphins — Higgs 13-58-2, Humphrey 7-42, Marino 2-(-2).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 41-26-254 yards-2td-1int., long 22.
 Dolphins — Marino 40-20-250 yards-0td-0int., long 46

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-101-1, Hill 7-57, Pritchard 7-46-1, Haynes 3-29, K. Jones 1-12, Sanders 1-9.
 Dolphins — Martin 2-54, Clayton 4-45, Jackson 3-43, Humphrey 2-33, Duper 3-27, Paige 3-27, Higgs 2-11, Banks 1-10.

Game 7 (October 18)
San Francisco 56, Atlanta 17
Candlestick Park (66,513)

Before the birds could take a weekend off for their scheduled bye, Atlanta had to make one more long distant trip to the west coast to face the 49ers. Without the assistance of CB Deion Sanders and veteran Scott Case, San Francisco's Steve Young passed for 399 yards and three touchdowns while RB Rickey Watters rushed for 75 of the 191 rushing yards and three of the five touchdowns. The Falcons offense was held to 297 total yards (55 rushing, 242 passing). WR Andre Rison led all receivers in catches with eight receptions for 94 yards.

ATLANTA	7	3	0	7	—	17
San Francisco	21	21	14	0	—	56

Scoring

SF — Rathman 1 yard run (Cofer kick)
 SF — Watters 8 yard run (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Haynes 44 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 SF — Rice 80 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 SF — Watters 4 yard run (Cofer kick)
 SF — Watters 1 yard run (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Johnson 51 yard FG
 SF — Rice 40 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 SF — Rice 26 yard run (Cofer kick)
 SF — Jones 11 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Phillips 6 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	SF
First Downs	18	30
Total Yardage	297	590
Rushes/Yards	14-55	34-191
Passing Yardage	242	399
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	43-23-2	31-18-1
Sacked/Yards	4-27	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9-86	11-90
Fumbles Lost	2-0	1-0

Rushing

Falcons — Miller 4-36, Smith 8-20, Jones 1-0, Pegram 1(-1).
 49ers — Watters 15-75-3, Lee 9-35, Young 2-28, Rice 1-26-1, Logan 2-26, Rathman 3-3, Bono 2(-2).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 27-14-174 yards-1td-2int., long 44, Tolliver 10-5-60 yards-0td-0int., long 19, Wilson 6-4-35 yards-1 td-0int., long 12.
 49ers — Young 28-18-399 yards-3td-1int., long 80.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 8-94, Haynes 3-58, Thomas 3-34, Pritchard 4-31, Pegram 1-19, Phillips 3-18-1, Milling 1-15.
 49ers — Ric 7-183-2, Jones 5-86-1, Watters 3-57, Sherrard 1-33, Turner 1-29, Rathman 1-11

Game 8 (November 1)
Atlanta 30, LA Rams 28
Georgia Dome (62,168)

Late in the third quarter and Atlanta at mid-field, QB Chris Miller tore the anterior cruciate ligament of his left knee as he was scrambling away from pressure in the third quarter. Miller, who was untouched on the play, underwent surgery the following day and was lost for the season. QB Billy Joe Tolliver came in to guide the Falcons to a comeback victory by connecting on a touchdown toss to WR Michael Haynes in the fourth quarter. Rookie RB Tony Smith scored his first pro touchdown as he rushed 19 times for 58 yards.

ATLANTA	14	6	3	7	—	30
LA Rams	0	14	14	0	—	28

Scoring

Atl — T. Smith 2 yard run (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Haynes 38 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Johnson 49 yard FG
 LA — Gary 3 yard pass from Everett (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Johnson 26 yard FG
 LA — Gary 2 yard pass from Everett (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Johnson 37 yard FG
 LA — Lang 67 yard pass from Everett (Zendejas kick)
 LA — Price 4 yard pass from Everett (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Haynes 13 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	LA
First Downs	19	19
Total Yardage	350	359
Rushes/Yards	28-136	20-147
Passing Yardage	214	212
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33-19-0	33-22-0
Sacked/Yards	3-19	6-41
Penalties/Yards	6-57	6-35
Fumbles Lost	3-2	2-2

Rushing

Falcons — T. Smith 19-58-1, Pritchard 3-38, Miller 2-21, Broussard 2-17, K. Jones 1-3, Tolliver 1(-1).
 Rams — Gary 18-144, Everett 1-5, Lang 1(-2).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 22-13-147 yards-1td-0int., long 38, Tolliver 11-6-86 yards-1td-0int., long 24.
 Rams — Everett 33-22-253 yards-4td-0int., long 67.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 8-99, Haynes 5-86-2, Hill 2-26, Pritchard 2-21, Broussard 1-3, Thomas 1(-2).
 Rams — Lang 2-84-1, Chadwick 6-58, Gary 7-39-2, Ellard 2-35, Cox 1-13, Price 2-10-1, McNeal 1-7, Carter 1-7.

Game 9 (November 9)
San Francisco 41, Atlanta 3
 Georgia Dome (67,404)

Atlanta's first Monday night game in the new Georgia Dome, as well as their first in eight years, turned into a nightmare as the birds turned the ball over six times that led to three San Francisco touchdowns and a field goal to give the 49ers a commanding lead that they never relinquished. The Falcons' lack of good field position and their generosity of giving up the ball made this Monday night affair bittersweet.

ATLANTA	0	3	0	0	—	3
San Francisco	7	7	13	14	—	41

Scoring

SF — Turner 12 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 SF — Watters 21 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Johnson 33 yard FG
 SF — Cofer 40 yard FG
 SF — Cofer 32 yard FG
 SF — Rathman 2 yard run (Cofer kick)
 SF — Rice 19 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 SF — Hanks 48 yard punt return (Cofer kick)

Team Statistics

	Atl	SF
First Downs	20	16
Total Yardage	304	303
Rushes/Yards	14-59	39-152
Passing Yardage	245	151
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41-25-3	19-13-0
Sacked/Yards	3-21	2-5
Penalties/Yards	6-40	1-10
Fumbles Lost	3-3	1-0

Rushing

Falcons — T. Smith 9-36, Broussard 4-22, Pritchard 1-1.
 49ers — Watters 19-75, Young 9-39, Lee 6-26, Rathman 4-11-1, Bono 1-1.

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 25-16-178 yards-0td-3int., long 18
 Wilson 16-9-88 yards-0td-0int., long 17
 49ers — Young 18-12-143 yards-3td-0int., long 21
 Bono 1-1-13 yards-0td-0int., long 13

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 11-99, Haynes 6-83, Hill 3-37, Pritchard 3-27, K. Jones 2-20.
 49ers — Rice 4-45-1, Jones 2-34, Watters 3-25-1, Rathman 1-15, Williams 1-13, Turner 1-12-1, Sherrard 1-12

Game 10 (November 15)
Atlanta 20, Phoenix 17
 Georgia Dome (58,477)

QB Billy Joe Tolliver's two touchdown passes to WR Andre Rison in the first and fourth quarters and a Norm Johnson FG late in the game propelled the Falcons to victory over Phoenix. RB Steve Broussard rushed for 87 yards on 16 carries to lend a successful ground attack in the winning effort. The defense held the Cards to 39 yards rushing (2.3 avg.).

ATLANTA	7	3	0	10	—	20
Phoenix	0	10	0	7	—	17

Scoring

Atl — Rison 30 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Johnson 27 yard FG
 Phx — Jackson 5 yard pass from Chandler (Davis kick)
 Phx — Davis 49 yard FG
 Atl — Rison 7 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
 Phx — Massey 46 yard interception return (Davis kick)
 Atl — Johnson 35 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	Phoenix
First Downs	19	15
Total Yardage	337	271
Rushes/Yards	27-114	17-39
Passing Yardage	223	232
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	27-19-1	34-19-2
Sacked/Yards	4-17	3-29
Penalties/Yards	5-30	5-30
Fumbles Lost	4-2	2-2

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 16-87, Tolliver 1-15, T. Smith 7-9, Wilson 3-3
 Cardinals — Johnson 12-33, Bailey 2-5, Proehl 1-3, Chandler 1-0, Centers 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 24-16-209 yards-2td-1int., long 30, Wilson 3-3-31 yards-0td-0int., long 13
 Cardinals — Chandler 34-19-261 yards-1td-2int., long 42

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-87-2, Haynes 5-61, Pritchard 4-46, Broussard 1-24, Hill 2-22.
 Cardinals — Hill 4-91, Bailey 5-68, Proehl 5-52, Johnson 1-26, Edwards 2-17, Jackson 1-5-1, Centers 1-2.

Game 11 (November 21)
Buffalo 41, Atlanta 14
Rich Stadium (80,004)

The Bills offense generated 38 points in the first half. Buffalo's 28 points in the first quarter were all drives that started inside the 50 yard line in Falcon territory. The Bills accumulated 412 total yards (315 rushing) to the Falcons' 174 (128 passing). The lone bright spot for the Falcons came in the second quarter when Deion Sanders returned a kickoff, off a lateral, 73 yards for a touchdown.

ATLANTA	0	7	0	7	—	14
Buffalo	28	10	0	3	—	41

Scoring

Buff — Gardner 2 yard run (Christie kick)
 Buff — Metzelaars 3 yard pass from Kelly (Christie kick)
 Buff — Reed 15 yard pass from Kelly (Christie kick)
 Buff — Davis 1 yard run (Christie kick)
 Buff — Davis 64 yard run (Christie kick)
 Buff — Christie 47 yard FG
 Atl — Sanders 73 yard KO return (Johnson kick)
 Buff — Christie 18 yards FG
 Atl — Hill 1 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Atl	Buff
First Downs	11	19
Total Yardage	174	412
Rushes/Yards	46	315
Passing Yardage	128	97
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36-17-1	17-8-1
Sacked/Yards	1-8	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5-30	6-54
Fumbles Lost	0-0	1-0

Rushing

Falcons — K. Jones 10-23, Pegram 2-10, Broussard 4-8, T. Smith 2-5, Wilson 1-0
 Bills — Thomas 13-103, Davis 20-181-2, Gardner 8-34-1, Kelly 1(-1), Reich 2(-2).

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 23-8-47 yards-0td-0int., long 13, Wilson 13-9-89 yards-1td-0int., long 21
 Bills — Kelly 15-7-93 yards-2td-1int., long 22, Reich 2-1-4 yards-0td-0int., long 4

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 6-52, Hill 5-35-1, Pritchard 3-26, Haynes 1-12, Phillips 1-8, Broussard 1-3
 Bills — Reed 4-70-1, Gardner 1-17, Davis 1-4, Metzelaars 1-3-1, McKeller 1-3

Game 12 (November 29)
Atlanta 34, New England 0
Georgia Dome (54,494)

A balanced attack of 141 yards passing and 112 yards rushing coupled with a defense that forced four fumbles and five QB sacks (3 by LB Darion Conner) led the birds to their first shutout win since 1982. Rookie RB Tony Smith carried 10 times for 81 yards and scored his second career touchdown in the NFL. The defense held New England to just 15 yards passing.

ATLANTA	14	10	7	3	—	34
New England	0	0	7	0	—	0

Scoring

Atl — Broussard 8 yard run (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Hill 10 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Broussard 18 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Johnson 26 yard FG
 Atl — T. Smith 29 yard run
 Atl — Johnson 54 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Atl	NE
First Downs	17	8
Total Yardage	253	105
Rushes/Yards	141	90
Passing Yardage	112	15
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	19-10-0	15-9-2
Sacked/Yards	1-9	5-43
Penalties/Yards	3-15	6-65
Fumbles Lost	1-0	5-2

Rushing

Falcons — T. Smith 10-81-1, Pegram 8-26, Broussard 8-18-1, K. Jones 7-18, Tolliver 1-3, Pritchard 1(-2), Wilson 3(-3)
 Patriots — Vaughn 16-70, Stephens 2-14, Turner 2-10, Gash 1(-1), Zolak 1(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 18-9-107 yards-2td-0int., long 26, Wilson 1-1-14 yards-0td-0int., long 14
 Patriots — Zolak 15-9-58 yards-0td-2int., long 16

Receiving

Falcons — Hill 2-36-1, Rison 3-26, Broussard 1-18-1, Pritchard 1-16, K. Jones 2-14, Haynes 1-11
 Patriots — Fryar 2-17, McMurtry 1-16, Cook 3-14, Stephens 1-6, Vaughn 2-5

Game 13 (December 3)
New Orleans 22, Atlanta 14
 Louisiana Superdome (68,591)

The Falcons side-stepped the foot of the Saints' K Morten Andersen, who was four for four in FG's into the fourth quarter, to retake the lead in this nationally televised game (ESPN) on Jessie Tuggle's 69-yard fumble return TD on special teams and New Orleans native WR Michael Haynes' 13-yard touchdown pass from QB Wade Wilson. But a final minute interception return for a touchdown by the Saints' Toi Cook ended the Falcons comeback attempt in the Superdome.

ATLANTA	0	0	7	7	—	14
New Orleans	3	6	0	13	—	22

Scoring

NO — Andersen 20 yard FG
 NO — Andersen 20 yard FG
 NO — Andersen 24 yard FG
 Atl — Tuggle 69 yard fumble return (Johnson kick)
 NO — Andersen 26 yard FG
 Atl — Haynes 13 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
 NO — Andersen 37 yard FG
 NO — Cook 48 yard interception return (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	NO
First Downs	10	22
Total Yardage	168	388
Rushes/Yards	13-76	40-144
Passing Yardage	92	244
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	21-11-2	29-20-1
Sacked/Yards	5-34	0-0
Penalties/Yards	1-5	1-10
Fumbles Lost	2-1	1-1

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 8-63, T. Smith 5-13
 Saints — Heyward 11-53, McAfee 17-43, Hilliard 8-28, Hebert 2-18, Dunbar 1-2, Barnhardt 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 11-6-55 yards-0td-0int., long 23, Wilson 10-5-71 yards-1td-2int., long 29
 Saints — Hebert 29-20-244 yards-0td-1int., long 29

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 4-63, Pritchard 3-25, Hill 1-16, Haynes 1-13-1, Broussard 2-9
 Saints — Martin 5-82, Early 4-48, Wainwright 2-42, Brenner 3-18, Hilliard 2-16, McAfee 1-16, Small 1-9, Heyward 1-7, Stowers 1-6

Game 14 (December 13)
Atlanta 35, Tampa Bay 7
 Tampa Stadium (39,056)

QB Wade Wilson saw his first start as a Falcon turn into a record setting performance with five touchdowns. Wilson, who completed 19 of 26 passes, threw for over 300 yards, including a touchdown toss to Deon Sanders, the first offensive touchdown of his career. The Falcons defensive resurgence continued as they went 11 quarters without giving up a touchdown until a controversial Reggie Cobb score ended the streak.

ATLANTA	7	7	14	7	—	35
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	0	—	7

Scoring

Atl — Haynes 8 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
 TB — Cobb 1 yard run (Murray kick)
 Atl — Rison 20 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Pritchard 38 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Haynes 60 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
 Atl — Sanders 37 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	TB
First Downs	20	17
Total Yardage	413	254
Rushes/Yards	25-86	21-104
Passing Yardage	327	150
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30-22-0	30-20-1
Sacked/Yards	2-12	4-27
Penalties/Yards	7-40	5-30
Fumbles Lost	0-0	1-0

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 9-39, T. Smith 10-25, Solomon 2-12, Wilson 2-9, K. Jones 1-3, Tolliver 1-(-2)
 Buccaneers — Cobb 15-54-1, McDowell 3-36, Testaverde 1-14, Anderson 2-0

Passing

Falcons — Wilson 26-19-324 yards-5td-0int., long 60, Tolliver 4-3-15 yards-0td-0int., long 6.
 Buccaneers — Testaverde 14-11-121 yards-0td-1int., long 22, Erickson 8-4-27 yards-0td-0int., long 24, DeBerg 8-5-29 yards-0td-0int., long 15.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 5-113-2, Pritchard 3-66-1, Rison 5-59-1, Hill 3-44, Sanders 2-36-1, T. Smith 1-6, K. Jones 1-6, J. Milling 1-5, T. Jones 1-4
 Buccaneers — Dawsey 4-40, Cobb 4-36, Carrier 3-32, McDowell 4-30, Armstrong 3-28, Royster 1-8, Anderson 1-3

Game 15 (December 21)
Dallas 41, Atlanta 17
Georgia Dome (67,036)

The Falcons' second Monday Night game of the season started out well as QB Wade Wilson's 34 pass completions ranked him second in club history and the offense churned out 375 yards. But, once again, turnovers plagued Atlanta as the birds coughed up the ball four times resulting in 17 unanswered points.

ATLANTA	7	3	0	7	—	17
Dallas	3	17	14	7	—	41

Scoring

Dal — Elliott 47 yard FG
Atl — Hill 6 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
Dal — Martin 11 yard pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
Dal — Elliott 22 yard FG
Dal — Novacek 18 yard pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
Atl — Johnson 27 yard FG
Dal — Harper 23 yard pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
Dal — Smith 29 yard run (Elliott kick)
Dal — Smith 29 yard run (Elliott kick)
Atl — Rison 10 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Dallas
First Downs	18	19
Total Yardage	375	435
Rushes/Yards	11-40	29-196
Passing Yardage	335	239
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	46-34-0	21-18-0
Sacked/Yards	4-37	0-0
Penalties/Yards	3-24	7-50
Fumbles Lost	4-3	0-0

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 4-17, Wilson 2-15, T. Smith 2-9, K. Jones 2-3,
Sanders 1-(-4)
Cowboys — Smith 24-174-2, Harper 1-15, Richards 3-5,
Agee 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Wilson 41-30-342 yards-2td-0int., long 47, Tolliver
5-4-30 yards-0td-0int., long 11
Cowboys — Aikman 21-18-239 yards-3td-0int., long 37

Receiving

Falcons — Pritchard 9-105, Haynes 5-100, Hill 9-84-1, Rison
6-45-1, K. Jones 2-21, Broussard 2-12, Milling 1-5,
Cowboys — Irvin 6-89, Novacek 5-69-1, Harper 3-53-1,
Martin 2-23-1, Smith 2-5

Game 16 (December 27)
LA Rams 38, Atlanta 27
Anahelm Stadium (37,706)

The Falcon offense concluded the 1992 season by ringing up 445 total yards of offense and QB Wade Wilson threw for over 300 yards for the third straight week. But an early fumble by the birds resulted in a touchdown and mental lapses on special teams gave way to two punts returned for touchdowns (61, 35) by rookie WR Todd Kinchen.

ATLANTA	0	20	0	7	—	27
LA Rams	14	0	3	21	—	38

Scoring

LA — Lang 1 yard run (Zendejas kick)
LA — Kinchen 61 yard punt return (Zendejas kick)
Atl — Rison 29 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 44 yard FG
Atl — Pritchard 11 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 38 yard FG
LA — Zendejas 24 yard FG
LA — Lang 1 yard run (Zendejas kick)
LA — Lang 37 yard run (Zendejas kick)
LA — Kinchen 35 yard punt return (Zendejas kick)
Atl — Haynes 21 yard pass from Wilson (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	LA Rams
First Downs	23	16
Total Yardage	445	276
Rushes/Yards	35-168	17-82
Passing Yardage	363	108
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	47-31-2	18-11-1
Sacked/Yards	2-11	3-32
Penalties/Yards	8-62	3-25
Fumbles Lost	2-1	2-0

Rushing

Falcons — Wilson 4-38, Broussard 6-26, K. Jones 6-13,
Pegram 1-5
Rams — Gary 20-96, Lang 8-53-3, Everett 5-11, Delpino 2-8

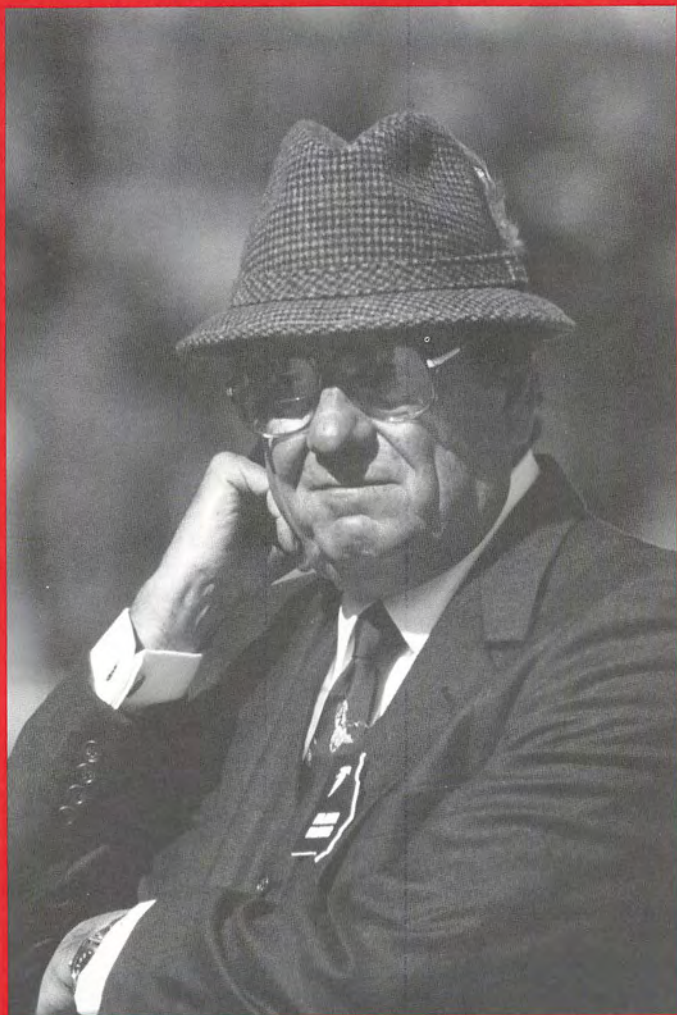
Passing

Falcons — Wilson 47-31-374 yards-3td-2int., long 43
Rams — Everett 18-11-140 yards-0td-1int., long 51

Receiving

Falcons — Hill 8-107, Rison 7-88-1, Haynes 5-88-1, Pritchard
7-82-1, Pegram 1-6, Broussard 1-4, K. Jones 1-(-1)
Rams — Anderson 2-57, Lang 2-32, Carter 2-16, Ellard 1-13,
Delpino 1-10, Price 1-7, Gary 2-5

COACHES/FRONT OFFICE



RANKIN M. SMITH



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Personal

A true Southerner, Rankin McEachern Smith was born on October 29, 1924 in Atlanta. His middle name comes from his grandfather, John Newton McEachern, who co-founded the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Mr. Smith's wife is the former Charlotte Lilliard Topping. A family man, he is the father of five children: Rankin Jr., Carrol Christine (Mrs. Donald Walraven), Dorothy Ann (Mrs. John O. Knox), Taylor and Nancy Karen (Mrs. John Owen). He is also a proud grandfather. Mr. Smith and his wife live in northwest Atlanta and also travel to dwellings in Thomasville, GA. and Vero Beach, FL.

Education

He attended Marist and North Fulton High School in his home city and had also played on the football team at Bolles School in Jacksonville. He went on to Emory University before receiving a call from the military to serve as a combat pilot in the Army Air Corps in '43. After serving his country, he returned to the South and enrolled at the University of Georgia.

Business

Determined to learn everything about his grandfather's business, Mr. Smith began in the work force as an insurance clerk after college. He was promoted to a full-fledged agent in Hot Springs, Arkansas in '47. Rankin earned the title of assistant manager at Life of Georgia and relocated back to Atlanta two years later. His march up the corporate ladder continued until he assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer and President in '70. Mr. Smith was elected Chairman of the Board of the Company in '75 and he retired from the business in '77.

Sports

Mr. Smith beams with pride whenever the subject of Super Bowl XXVIII is mentioned. After all, it was his lobbying and efforts that landed the world's most spectacular sporting event of the year in Atlanta. And he can't wait to show off the Georgia Dome

and the City of Atlanta to the rest of the sporting world in January of '94! Rankin's hard work in convincing fellow owners that the South would be a perfect host to the NFL's most glamorous game was instrumental in Atlanta receiving the overwhelming bid. His respect around the League was measured when the final vote of owners was in a huge majority of awarding the game to Atlanta over New Orleans. *"He deserves a Super Bowl because he's been a great owner and a good League member,"* said Giants owner Wellington Mara.

His initial venture into sports came via a group Major Sports, INC., which concentrated on getting a major league baseball team to Atlanta. As the Braves were lured away from Milwaukee the group formed what is now known as the Stadium Authority (the builder of Fulton County Stadium). After huge media conglomerate Cox Broadcasting's J. Leonard Reinsch was granted a pro football franchise by the AFL on June 8, 1965, the progressive-thinking Mr. Smith called the NFL to inquire about their League fielding a team. Twenty-two days later (June 30), Rankin's winning bid of \$8.5 million bested such Company's as R.J. Reynold Co. and Lindsey Hopkins and stopped the AFL's efforts.

The building of the fabulous Georgia Dome was a dream come true for Mr. Smith and was further evidence of the power he wields in sports in the South. The signing of key free agents in the '92 offseason like Pierce Holt, Bobby Hebert, Melvin Jenkins and Jumpy Geathers also showed his commitment to providing Falcons fans with a winning environment.

Commissioner Tagliabue named Mr. Smith to the NFL's Expansion Committee with the power to recommend two new sites for teams this fall. He had been a Co-Chairman, along with Vince Lombardi, Art Modell and Jim Finks, of the Management Council for six years, and has been a member of the Finance Committee for eight years and the Coaches/Front Office Pension Committee. He is in the top ten in seniority among all of the owners with his 28 years of experience as the Falcons' Chairman of the Board.

Community

The '92 opening of the new \$42.8 million Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta was a personal highlight for Mr. Smith and it spoke volumes of his commitment to the community. He was a driving force behind the construction of the Smithsonian-style, 150,000 square foot facility, which features an 85-foot atrium. In return for his dedication he serves as Chairman of the Board. He has given over \$7 million to charities in Atlanta and around the Southeast in his tenure as Falcons' owner. He created the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation eight years ago to provide services for the needy children in the community. Rankin is currently helping the community on the board of trustees at the University of Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett. He has been a member in good standing on the board of the Boy Scouts, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau and Central Atlanta Progress.

TAYLOR W. SMITH



PRESIDENT



Personal

Born on May 3, 1953, the 40-year-old Smith is an Atlanta native. The fourth child out of a family of five children, Taylor W. and his wife Louise have three children of their own in Ryan (14), Sarah Brooks (12) and Rebecca (8). They reside in the northwest section of Atlanta. An accomplished golfer, when he's not hitting the links he's taking in a tournament like the Masters or the Bell South Classic. He also enjoys running (usually in the Peachtree Road Race) and working out in his spare time.

Education

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia (Class of '76). A member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity as a Bulldog, he was a three-year letterwinner in football, track and soccer at Lovett High. Taylor also was a part of that school's 1979 state football champions.

Business

Taylor embarks on his fourth year as team president. Prior to his ascension to his present position, he was the club's executive vice president for four seasons. He has been involved in virtually every department during his time in the front office. He began in the equipment room in 1977 and his experience has taken him through public relations, the ticket office and the selling of suites at boxes. During his tenure as Corporate Secretary he handled such duties as team travel. Smith took over the responsibilities of president on May 3, 1990. His day-to-day operations of the club include an active role in contract negotiations. Taylor is a member of the NFL's steering committee that works on programs for players who are trying to complete their college degrees. Smith is on the board for the League's marketing arm, NFL Properties, and is a trustee on the Pete Rozelle retirement committee. He hasn't missed a Falcons training camp since '66 and he continues to be the front office contact with the League office.

Community

He will receive personal satisfaction out of seeing the rest of the sports world focus on his hometown city when Super Bowl XXVIII comes to the South in January. Taylor played a role in helping Atlanta land the bid for the first time. He's also proud to provide the Falcons fans with the state-of-the-art new Georgia Dome, which opened in '92. His work in the community has been witnessed on the Board of Directors for the Peach Bowl, the Visitors Board of Emory University, the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and the advisory Board of the U.S.O. He helps to administer funds for Charity for the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation and is on the board of St. Ives Country Club.

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JIM HAY



VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Personal

A product of Eagleville, Tennessee, Jim was born into a family of one brother and four sisters on November 6, 1935. Hay begins his 16th season with the Falcons. His brother is a college professor and one of his sisters is a doctor. He and his wife Mollie have three children, Mickie, Christie and Jimmy Jr. The couple lives in Suwanee.

Education

Hay earned the necessary credits for degrees in Economics and Accounting from Utah State. In 1972 he completed his law degree from Emory University. Hay also served a tour of duty for the U.S. Navy from '53 to '57.

Sports Experience

Jim's sports background provides him with a unique perspective when dealing with front office matters with the Falcons. For eight years he was a catcher in the Atlanta Braves organization. Among his many experiences in the minors was a stint behind the plate catching the famous knuckle ball of Phil Niekro. The four-time all-star selection was named the Most Valuable Player twice in his career by hitting .307 (95 RBI, 16 HR) in Boise and .270 (80 RBI, 15 HR) in Panama City. He played alongside the likes of Tommy Aaron, Rico Carty and Paul Snyder. From '65 to '78 he labored with the Stadium Authority with the Braves. When the Falcons were looking for someone to run their Physical Properties and oversee the construction of the Suwanee Complex, Jim switched uniforms. Other NFL teams have visited the birds' year-round training site before they built their own, which is a testament to Hay's work. He was named to his present position as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in '80. He is responsible for player contract negotiations and served as the team's point man with the Georgia Dome construction project.

KEN HEROCK



VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL



Personal

Ken was born in Munhall, PA. on July 16, 1941. Since joining the Falcons in May of 1987, the 52-year-old has coordinated six drafts for the birds. He will operate in his capacity as the club's Vice President of Player Personnel for the fourth season. He and his wife Barry live in Duluth, GA. Their son Shaun is a senior offensive tackle for the Richmond Spiders and they have another son Kenny, who lives in Tampa.

Education

Herock was an all-conference choice at two positions, tight end and linebacker, for the West Virginia Mountaineers. He fulfilled the necessary requirements to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

Football Experience

Ken's 30-year NFL background dates back to his days as a player. He earned a starting spot with Al Davis' Raiders, playing five years in a Silver & Black uniform from 1963-67. Herock competed with such Hall of Famers as Jim Otto, George Blanda, Art Shell, Fred Biletnikoff and Willie Brown. He even played in Super II versus the Packers. He was the first tight end in Bengals history in '68 under legendary coach Paul Brown. After his days on the gridiron, he moved into the front office as a scout in '70 and then special teams coach with the Raiders. He worked himself into Director of Player Personnel with the club in '75. Ken was called on to jump start the new Tampa Bay franchise a year later. All he did was build the Bucs into a consistent Playoff team and saw them advance to the NFC Championship game in '79 with players like Doug Williams, James Wilder, Lee Roy Selmon and Hugh Green. After a brief stint back with the Raiders, he was put in charge of the Falcons Player Personnel department in '87. Ken has proved his stay in Atlanta that he will go to any length to get quality players to improve the team's fortunes. He was actively involved in the new free agency system which added DL Pierce Holt, QB Bobby Hebert, CB Melvin Jenkins and DT Jumpy Geathers. Herock's trades have brought 3-time Pro Bowl WR Andre Rison, 7-time Pro Bowl T Chris Hinton and All-Rookie selection Mike Pritchard to the Falcons via a swap with the Colts (for the #1 overall pick in '90). His trading this year included bringing in experienced players S Alton Montgomery and CB Vinnie Clark. The draft veteran has also engineered draft day trades the past four out of five seasons and has acquired such players as Michael Haynes (7th rounder) and Pro Bowler Elbert Shelley (11th) on later rounds.

Commissioner Tagliabue selected Herock to be on the League's College Relations Committee and his dealings with the college coaches have helped to build the relationship. He was responsible for starting the first college Combine workouts in Tampa.

JERRY GLANVILLE



HEAD COACH



Jerry Glanville is determined to get his team back into the NFL Playoffs in 1993. Glanville has **been to the Playoffs in four of the past six years** so he knows how to get the most out of his players. What is hardest to control is the injuries that came in bunches last fall that slowed the Falcons' overall progress.

Since 1990, the Falcons have **won 67% of their home games** (16-8) under the aggressive Glanville, including **winning 10 of their last 13 games** in their own backyard. In 1991, his troops finished with a 10-6 record and captured the first ever road win in team history over New Orleans before bowing out to the Super Bowl Champion Redskins in the mud and rain in D.C.

Last year the birds soared to a **team record 33 touchdown passes to lead the NFL**. The Red Gun offense also completed a club best 336 passes (3rd in NFL) for a second-best 3,635 yards (4th in League). Atlanta is the **only team** in the League to throw **30 or more TD passes** in each of **the last two seasons**.

Glanville established himself as the Falcons' defensive backfield coach and Defensive Coordinator from '77-'82. For three Playoff teams, his units are still in the record books for fewest rushing yards, fewest passing yards and fewest yards allowed in a season. The '77 and '80 defensive backfield holds the club record for most interceptions in a season with 26. **The 1977 defense set the NFL mark for fewest points allowed in a 14 game season with 129, a record that still stands today!**

Glanville's first NFL job included special teams and he's always emphasized those units ever since, often leading the League in blocked kicks. He was a member of the NFC Western Division Championship staff in '80 and has witnessed all six Falcons playoff games in '78 (two), '80, '82 and '91 (two).

In his first head coaching stop in Houston, he guided the Oilers to the Playoffs in only his second year, a feat he accomplished in his second season in Atlanta in '91. He finished with three consecutive Playoff berths in Texas.



(Top Left) Jerry and his wife, Brenda, pose with Governor Zell Miller and his wife, Shirley. (Top Right) Coach and his son, Justin, share a moment before a game. (Middle Right) Former Western Kentucky assistants, Glanville and Phoenix coach Joe Bugel, exchange words prior to facing each other. (Bottom) Jerry is joined by his mother, Helen (center), sister-in-law Judy (right) and brother, Richard, at ceremonies at Northern Michigan.



PERSONAL:

- Born: Oct. 14, 1941; Detroit
- Age: 51
- High School: Perrysburg, Ohio
- College Graduate: Northern Michigan, where he played linebacker and has been inducted into their Hall of Fame and was a '92 recipient of their Distinguished Alumni Award
- Masters Degree: Western Kentucky
- Family: Wife Brenda, of 17 years; son Justin (8/5/82)

COACHING CAREER:

- Atlanta Falcons, Head Coach
- Houston Oilers, Head Coach, 1986-89
Def. Coordinator, 1984-85
- Buffalo Bills, 1983, Defensive Backs
- Atlanta Falcons, 1977-82
Defensive Backs, 1977-78
Def. Coordinator, 1979-82
- Detroit Lions, 1974-76
Special Teams/Def. Assistant
- Georgia Tech, 1968-73
Defensive Assistant on three Bowl teams (1970, Sun; 1971, Peach; 1972, Liberty)
- Western Kentucky, 1967 (Coached with Cards Joe Bugel)
- Ohio High Schools, 1964-66 (Lima and Cincinnati)

ALONG THE WAY:

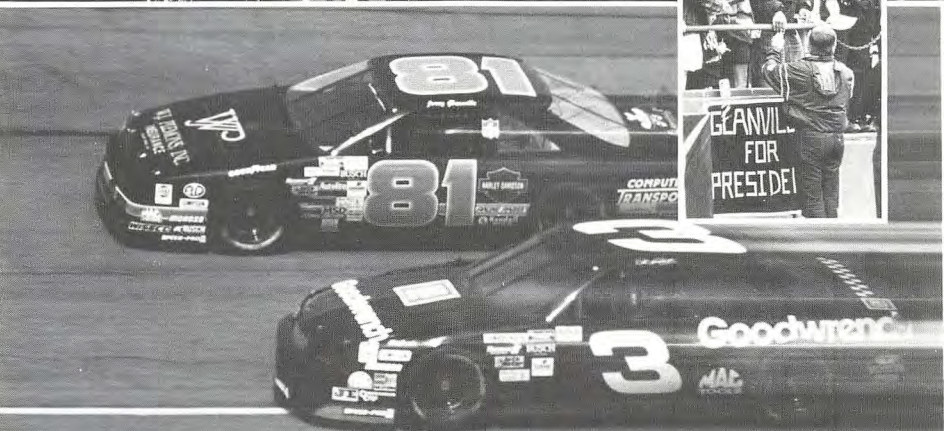
Perrysburg High School - Played catcher on school's baseball team with Pittsburgh Pirates head Coach Jim Leyland.

Western Kentucky - Roomed with Phoenix Cardinals Head Coach Joe Bugel.

Georgia Tech - Hired by ex-Browns Head Coach and current Eagles Defensive Coordinator Bud Carson.

Detroit Lions - First NFL Job under Rick Forzano on staff with other assistants who went on to Head Jobs (Bugel, Raymond Berry), coaching special teams where the kick holder was QB Sam Wyche (Bengals, Bucs).

Past jobs have included working on an assembly line at a Chevrolet plant, on a loading dock at General Mills (at \$110 a week), and as a welding inspector on Colonial Pipeline.



OFF THE FIELD INTERESTS

Community

He is one of the most active people in all of Atlanta. He visits children hospitals weekly, keeping a bulletin board with lots of their photos in his office. He's organized a pair of charity concerts on his own called "Heroes of the Heart" and is always at the annual Sports Carnival signing autographs. He's been involved with the March of Dimes fund raiser, the Leukemia Breakfast of Champions, the Aids Walk of Life, the "Challenge of Excellence" for Boys and Girls Clubs, the Douglas County cultural arts, the Carolinas Athlete of the Year, the Georgia North-South HS all-star game, and Resources for Retarded Adults. His "Sober Choices" program hits home to high school students, especially around prom time, as he himself chooses not to drink alcohol. No one in Atlanta is surprised to turn around and see him, whether it's at the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol, the country and western clubs, concerts, baseball games, church, race tracks, restaurants, or waving to them at a stop light. The man is out and about, the man is friendly.

Racing

Racing is his third love, after football and his family, because "I don't hunt, fish or play golf." He spent his spare time in the '91 offseason qualifying for the Busch Grand National NASCAR races at Lanier (GA.) Raceway, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Rougemont (N.C.), Myrtle Beach, Daytona and on the '92 circuit. He was seen on the speedways in his black car, black driving suit and black helmet with the Falcons bird on the side. He's hit 175 m.p.h. on the super speedways, he's crashed into a wall at 130, he's serious at his schools, and he's quite serious about the tracks. He donated his racing earnings to Camp Best Friends.

Cars/Motorcycles

He owns two restored, black 1950 Mercury two-door coupes (with 350 Corvette engines) and a 1940 Ford (Corvette ZZ-1 engine). He's currently driving in his black Chevy Super Sport pick-up truck with the 454 engine (the biggest one they make, he says). He also owns a Harley Davidson Low Rider that he drag races and a Fat Boy bike.

Music

An avid country music fan, he loves to attend concerts. He keeps in touch with Kris Kristofferson, Travis Tritt, Jerry Jeff Walker and John Cougar Mellencamp, Hank Williams, Jr., Doug Stone, and Diamond Rio, among a growing list of others. Video-wise, he may be the only one in America to be in both a rap video (Hammer's "Too Legit To Quit") and a country western video (Confederate Railroad's "She Took It Like A Man" and "Queen of Memphis"). He also had a bit part in "Hoffa" and was inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame in '92.

Not Forgotten

It started in 1988 at a Houston Oilers preseason game in Memphis, TN, when he toured Graceland and decided to leave tickets for "the King" at that night's game. Ever since, he's been known for that gesture. Of course, when his office has a collection of Elvis memorabilia—from sunglasses to a bust to license plates to a Georgia Dome hard hat—he's kept Elvis alive. A James Dean fan as well, Glanville has a life-size cut-out in his office, along with sunglasses, photos of his famous Porsche, et. al. "The Rebel" lives on, too.

ASSISTANT COACHES



DOUG SHIVELY

Assistant Head Coach/Defense

Shively was ecstatic last year when recognition finally fell on the shoulders of Jessie Tuggle, who was voted as a Pro Bowl starter for the first time after leading the NFL in tackles for two seasons. Doug is in the midst of his second tour of duty with the Falcons after helping to mold the "Grits Blitz" defenses from '77-'82. The unit set the League record for fewest points allowed in a 14 game season with 129. "Shive" has had the luxury of witnessing every Falcons playoff game in team history, including the club's first ever road victory in 1991. The Kentucky native was also a member of the NFC Western Division champs of 1980. His NFL coaching stopovers have included Houston, San Diego & Tampa Bay, and his coaching experience has seen him take over the reins of the Arizona Outlaws of the USFL.



JUNE JONES

Assistant Head Coach/Offense

June is the architect of the high powered Red Gun offense that has been among the best in the NFL and which has broken club records each season. In '92, the NFL's 8th ranked offense, was the **League leader in touchdown passes thrown with 33**, which set a new team mark. Under his guidance, the **Falcons are the only team in the NFL to throw 30 or more TD passes in each of the past two seasons** as the '92 unit was the 9th best team in the League in scoring TD's inside the 20. A former Portland State quarterback, June also suited up for the Falcons for four seasons (1977-79, 81), playing a back-up role (166-75-923-3 TD-7 INT) to club record setter and good friend Steve Bartkowski. Jones has been a winning member of a Grey Cup team, a Division titlist with Jim Kelly in USFL, and advanced to post season in both NFL conferences.



JIMMY ROBINSON

Wide Receivers

In his third year as the team's wide receivers coach, Jimmy saw Andre Rison and Michael Haynes combine for more touchdowns (23) than any other NFL tandem for the **second** straight season. The passing offense was ranked fourth in the NFL as it racked up 3,635 yards, while completing 336 passes, a team record, and scoring 33 times, tops in League and in team record books. Robinson is a former Falcon player (1975) who also spent time with the Broncos, 49ers, and Giants in his three years as a wide out in the NFL. He was dubbed "Mr. Excitement" for his exploits at Grant Field for Georgia Tech in which he was elected to the school's Hall of Fame. Besides serving as a Yellowjacket coach under Bobby Ross, Jimmy also held a stint with the USFL's Memphis Showboats with Pepper Rodgers.



OLLIE WILSON

Running Backs

Wilson will work with a quartet of Falcon backs with diverse talents as he heads into his third season. Ollie was a natural choice for Coach Glanville when a position opened up in '91. His talents were recognized as part of the minority coaching fellowship developed by the NFL in the Oilers training camps. His credentials were further enhanced as he coached in that same capacity in the Falcons training camp in 1990. A respected college coach at Cal-Berkeley for eight seasons, he was ready for the pro's after tutoring the school's running backs, defensive back's and wide receivers. From Springfield College, Ollie has headed the college Black Coaches Association.



KEITH ROWEN
Offensive Line

Keith enjoyed working with one of the best lines in the business the last two years and is looking forward to the challenge of assembling another top notch group in '93. This season marks the second year that Rowen will concentrate his efforts in the Falcons trenches after spending a season as the club's special teams/tight ends coach in '90. With the aide of the line's play, the Falcons have been able to be the only club over the past two seasons to toss 30 or more TD passes. The '91 line set a team mark for allowing the fewest sacks per pass attempt with 31 in 531 attempts. The former Stanford grad has worked on NFL sidelines with the Colts (offensive line from '85-'88) and Patriots (special teams in '89).



JIMMY CARR
Secondary

Carr is surrounded by an improved secondary with the additions of CB's Melvin Jenkins & Vinnie Clark and S Alton Montgomery. In '91, his crew held opponents to the third-lowest completion % in the League at .524, stymieing eight teams with under 200 yards passing, and boasting the top intercepting tandem in NFL. "Gummy's" experience involves a coaching and playing background of over 30 years in the pro's. He was on the roster of three club's, including a World Championship team with the '60 Philadelphia Eagles. Jimmy's coaching tenure has been viewed coast-to-coast in New England ('85-'88), Minnesota ('66-'68, '79-'81), San Francisco ('78), Buffalo ('77), Detroit ('75-'76), Chicago ('73-'74), and Philadelphia ('70-'72).



BILL KOLLAR
Defensive Line

Kollar's defensive line became one of the strongest spots on the unit when the birds inked Pro Bowl starter Pierce Holt and pass rushing specialist "Jumpy" Geathers to contracts and welcomed Mike Gann and Rick Bryan back to the fold. Bill has been with Glanville since he took over the helm in '90. His line was a big reason the Falcons led the NFL in per rush average at 3.3 in his first season and also did not allow a TD rushing in seven contests. He has tutored a Defensive Rookie of the Year in Moe Gardner and two All-NFL rookie's in Tory Epps and Gardner. Kollar uses his experiences as a player of 109 NFL games to teach his linemen. The first player from the Big Sky conference to ever be selected in the 1st round has also coached at Illinois and Purdue.

Two Byes in 1993

NFL owners voted at the winter meetings to play 16 games over 18 weeks next season. That means that each team will have two open dates in '93 for the first time and there will be only a week between the NFC and AFC Championship games and the Super Bowl in Atlanta on January 30. Also, one game will be played on Christmas (Houston at San Francisco) and on New Year's Eve (Minnesota at Washington) and the final regular season weekend ends with a Monday Night Game on January 3 (Philadelphia at San Francisco).



TIM JORGENSEN

Strength & Conditioning

The '93 season marks a decade of outstanding NFL service in the area of strength and conditioning for Tim Jorgensen. Jorgensen has been in control of the Falcons program since 1987. A product of St. Louis, Missouri, he implemented the Eagles first program in 1984. His duties in Atlanta entail supervision of the club's year-round physical development. Tim also completed his fourth year in charge of the conditioning regimen for the birds offseason "Operation Headstart" initiative. In his spare time away from the Suwanne Complex, he teaches the proper training techniques as an instructor in clinics and seminars throughout the Southeast. The former 0-lineman at Southwest Missouri State has also taught at Alabama and was the LSU's Strength Coordinator.



BOBBY APRIL

Special Teams/Tight Ends

Bobby begins his third year in the pro's with renewed enthusiasm with the prospect of new special teamers Vinnie Clark, Alton Montgomery and a core of '93 draft picks. April will continue his relentless preparation on "teams" in an area that is stressed as much as offense or defense in the Falcons playbook. He has had the luxury of working with one of the best kickers in the NFL in his two years in the League. Norm Johnson has connected on 37 of 45 FG's in two years, while setting a club record for FG % in a season in '91, under the watchful eye of April. He came to Atlanta after being the kicking game coordinator and secondary coach at USC for four seasons. The former linebacker and defensive end at Nicholls State has also had coaching assignments at Arizona and Tulane.

All-Time Assistant Coaches Roster

April, Bobby	1991-93	Fry, Bob	1967-68	North, John	1977-82
Barnes, Billy Ray	1971-74		1983-84	Orr, Jimmy	1975-76
Beightol, Larry	1985-86	Gilmer, Harry	1970-74	Phillips, Jim (Red)	1968
Brasher, Tommy	1986-89	Glanville, Jerry	1977-82	Plumb, Ted	1977-79
Brune, Fred	1969-76		1990-93	Puetz, Gary	1983-85
.....	1986-89	Griffin, Bob	1969-74	Putnam, Duane	1969-74
Campbell, Marion	1969-74	Groh, Al	1987	Rauch, John	1975
.....	1986-89	Hanifan, Jim	1987-89	Raye, Jimmy	1980-82
Campbell, Scott	1987-89	 (head coach 4 games)			1987-89
Carpenter, Lew	1967-68	Harrison, Bob	1983-86	Robinson, Jimmy	1990-93
Carr, Jimmy	1990-93	Herring, Hal	1966-68	Rossley, Tom	1990
Champion, Jim	1977-79	Humphrey, Claude	1987-89	Rowen, Keith	1990-93
Christiansen, Jack	1983	Jackson, Bobby	1983-86	Sekanovich, Dan	1983-85
Clausen, Chuck	1986-89	Jones, June	1991-93	Sherman, Ray	1990
Crulchfield, Bill	1967	Jorgensen, Tim	1987-93	Shively, Doug	1977-82
Crosby, Steve	1983-84	Jobko, Bill	1968		1990-93
.....	1986-89	Khayat, Ed	1975-76	Stanley, Jim	1980-82
Dickson, George	1966	Kollar, Bill	1990-93	Stanton, Jack	1984-85
Dostal, George	1983-86	Lavan, Al	1975-76	Symank, John	1966-68
Dowhower, Rod	1987-89	Madden, Joe	1985-86	Walsh, Bill	1975-82
Ecklund, 13rad	1966-67	Marshall, John	1983-85	Wilson, Ollie	1991-93
Elliott, Sam	1983-86	Matuszak, Marv	1974-76	Wood, Dick	1978-82
Fazio, Foge	1588-89	McDonnell, Mike	1978-82	Yowarsky, Walt	1969-70
Fears, Tom	1966	McDuffie, Wayne	1982, 1990		
Fritsch, Ted	1983-86	Nelson, Bill	1975-76		



CHUCK CONNOR

Director of Pro Personnel

A native of McKees Rock, PA., Chuck's burden of responsibility increased this past season with the advent of the new free agency system. Connor was credited with helping upgrade the Falcons through his evaluations of veteran free agents. Chuck's experience with assessing NFL talent dates back to an 11-year association with the Dolphins as their Director of Player Personnel. He begins his fifth season in the Falcon fold as the club's Director of Pro Personnel. The former scout for BLESTO handles such things as the grading of NFL players and tryouts during the season and off-season. He lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia with his wife, Dorothy, and has four children, Chuck, Jr., Mike, Karen, and Scott.



ELBERT DUBENION

Scout

A member of the Buffalo Bills' Silver Anniversary All-Time team, "Golden Wheels" has been applying his trade as a Falcons scout since 1987. Elbert's association in the NFL scouting arena has spanned over 20 years. His first stop was with his former Bills team in 1968 and from there he moved on to the Dolphins in 1979. "Dubie" was named to the post of Assistant Director of Player Personnel for Don Shula in 1984. A dangerous receiver during his nine-year stint with the Bills of the AFC, Dubenion was a record setter, establishing marks for touchdowns with 35, receptions with 296, and yards with 5,309. The Griffin, Georgia native resides in Westerville, Ohio with his wife, Marilyn.



DANNY MOCK

Administrative Assistant

Serving as Ken Herock's right-hand man for six years now is Danny Mock. He will work his 14th training camp in Suwanee this year and prior to being drafted into player personnel was the club's Assistant Video Director. Mock's hectic daily schedule includes such things as the coordination of the six scout's trips, Herock's travels, overseeing the college and pro computer system and logging the NFL's daily transactions. Danny is the liaison with the coaching staff and pro personnel as well as the daily contact with the NFL personnel office in New York. His yearly "Super Bowl" is the annual college draft in April as he coordinates the nuts and bolts of the operation from the Falcons Complex. He and his wife, Holly, reside in Duluth.



BILL GROMAN

Scout

Groman is a six-year veteran of the Falcons scouting department after joining Ken Herock's team in '87. The former Houston Oilers receiver and club record holder has been involved in the scouting of college players with four other teams in the League (Chargers, Bengals, Bills and Oilers). Bill directed the Player Personnel office of the Houston Gamblers of the USFL in 1983-84 and was responsible for landing QB Jim Kelly. As a two-time AFL All-Pro with the Oilers, Groman still holds marks for receiving yardage by a rookie (1,473) and most consecutive 100-yard games (7). During his time in Houston he hauled in passes from Hall of Famer QB George Blanda. He and his wife, Ellie, live in Houston.

**BILL BAKER***Scout*

Bill brings a coach's perspective to the Falcons scouting meetings as he was the Defensive Coordinator for Richmond for six seasons before heading to Atlanta. The product of Jasper, Tennessee was also an ex-Volunteer where he played both running back and kick returner. He logged time in the Gator, Cotton, and Orange Bowl's during his days in Knoxville. Baker has been on the other side of the ball as a scout since '89. Before settling in for a time at Richmond, he held coaching stopovers at Louisville, Wichita State, Austin Peay, and North Alabama. Bill received his initial coaching indoctrination at local Sandy Springs High School in Roswell, GA. He and his wife, Paula, reside in Richmond.

**DICK CORRICK***Scout*

An NFL scouting veteran since 1971, Dick is in his third season with the Falcons. Corrick came over from Houston where he was the Oilers Director of College Scouting. His other roles in the League have included being the Director of Player Personnel and Director of Pro Personnel for the Green Bay Packers. The La Jolla, Ca. native was signed on to pro's by Packers head coach Dan Devine who assigned him to scout the West 23 years ago. During his playing days he competed under the watchful eye of Tommy Prothro as a linebacker and center at Oregon State. Besides his pro experience, he has coaching ties to California, Arizona State and Iowa State. Dick and his wife, Bonnie, make Little Suamico, WI, their full time home.

**SCOTT CAMPBELL***Scout*

Campbell is a familiar face around the Falcons Complex for he has been tied to the organization since 1987. Under Marion Campbell, he fulfilled the role of Administrative Assistant until moving over to the scouting department in '90. The University of Georgia graduate oversees the Midwest and Southeast for Ken Herock. He received a taste of scouting prior to relinquishing his coaching duties to prepare him for the transition. On the Bulldogs roster with Herschel Walker, he collected the school's only National Championship ring in '80. Campbell was a member of three SEC title teams and worked with Bo Jackson as a grad assistant at Auburn. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Suwanee with daughters Courtney and newborn Caroline.

**TOMMY NOBIS***Director of Player Development*

With the NFL's new free agency system, Tommy journeyed into a key new area of responsibility in the player personnel department. Nobis has enjoyed a diverse background during his tenure with the Falcons which started out with him being the club's first draft pick in 1966. After an 11 year career and five Pro Bowl's, "Mr. Falcon" served in many capacities for the organization. Recently, Tommy gave up his responsibilities as the club's Marketing Director to lend a hand in player personnel. One role that will never change for the former two-time All-American linebacker from Texas is his involvement in the Atlanta community, which spans 27 years of service. He and his wife, Lynne, reside in Marietta and have three children, Tommy, Jr., Kevin and Devon.



TOM ATCHESON
Video Director

A Falcons employee since 1979, Tom's job entails videoling the team's games and practices and then editing the film for view by players and coaches in weekly preparation during the season. He also receives each opponent's weekly game film and breaks it down for the players and coaches. Through this process, Atcheson is responsible for setting the Falcons game plan into motion. The Dallas, GA. native originally set up the birds video needs when the Falcons moved into their Suwanne Complex in 1978. Tom has a special place in his heart for Georgia Tech and Auburn because he was the team photographer at both schools.



JACK RAGSDALE
Director of Ticket Operations

Jack will concentrate his efforts for the second year in a new location for the ticket office at the Georgia Dome. Ragsdale was in charge of coordinating the move into the Dome a year ago from their Buckhead offices. The former 20 year military man has been filling ticket requests for the Falcons since 1985. A retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, Jack received awards for bravery such as the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Bronze Star for his service in the military. He has been a lifelong Falcons fan and is a graduate of North Georgia College.



THOMAS MEUNIER
Ticket Office/Vault Manager

Meunier will lend his expertise to the Falcons ticket needs for the ninth season. His wide range of responsibilities include such things as TicketMaster, daily ticket reports, and mail orders. A native of Tallapoosa, GA., Thomas' background in football includes experience as an offensive lineman at Tallapoosa High School. He was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from West Georgia College in Carrollton, GA. Like Ragsdale, the disciplined Meunier has also had military training. He was a communications specialist from '70-'72 for the Army.



LUCI BAILEY
Assistant Director of Ticket Operations

A longtime member of the Falcons family, Luci's association with the birds reaches as far back as 1967. Her experience in the area of tickets began with the Falcons and the Braves at Fulton County Stadium. She dropped baseball in '72 to become a full fledged Falcon. Bailey is the only person in the ticket office to work at all three locations, at the Stadium, the Buckhead offices, and now at the Georgia Dome. The product of Waycross, Georgia put in plenty of work to help move the ticket operation into a new nest at the Dome last year.

**CHARLIE TAYLOR***Director of Public Relations*

Taylor heads into his 18th NFL season (7th Falcons, 11 Redskins) since being a Sports Information Director at his alma mater, Fairmont State (W.Va.) College, where he won three national publication awards. The PR specialist continues to oversee media relations, TV/Radio network responsibilities, publications, and printing duties, communications, photography needs, community affairs, credentials, statistics, creative design tasks, among other duties. Chairing the NFL Films Committee and assisting the NFL in staff Super Bowls, Taylor also has earned two Super Bowl rings and a Pro Bowl watch for his efforts. He and his wife, Lynn, and daughter, Lauren, reside in Alpharetta.

**FRANK KLEHA***Assistant Director of Public Relations*

Kleha will notch his seventh year of NFL experience in Atlanta in 1993. The Fayetteville, N.C. product was acquired by the Falcons from the college ranks at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. He was in charge of the publicity efforts of the school's top Division I sports, which included a post season bid for the men's basketball team, an Olympic track competitor, and pro baseball prospects, among others. Frank also received pro experience while with the Washington Redskins from 1984-87. Besides writing the '93 Fact Book, Kleha also is the editor of the *Game Day* program sold at the Dome, and is a columnist for the *Falcons Extra* newspaper. He worked Super Bowl XXVII for the NFL in Pasadena, CA, and is looking forward to playing host this year for Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta.

**CAROL BREEDING***Director of Community Relations*

Carol has been a steady influence in the Falcons front office for 20 years. She will give direction to the team's community affairs for the fourth straight season. Included in her myriad of duties, Breeding schedules player and assistant coaches appearances and Coach Glanville's speaking engagements. She also has created many worthwhile player projects that have tied the Falcons closer to their community. In her previous roles in the organization, Carol has been involved with the public relations and marketing departments. The Auburn graduate also has her hands full being responsible for entertainment on game day's and for the cheerleader program. She and husband, George, reside in Roswell, GA.

**TODD MARBLE***Public Relations/Team Travel*

Todd will be going into his fourth year with the Falcons staff after serving as an intern his first season in 1990. Raised in Little Rock, AR, Marble received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas in 1988. Since joining the Falcons, Todd has been involved in every facet of the PR, as well as working with the marketing and community relations departments and coordinating team travel. Marble was on staff in Pasadena for Super Bowl XXVII where he worked with NFL Films, and is expected to lend a hand for Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta.



JERRY RHEA
Trainer

Jerry Rhea is one of the most recognizable names in the field of athletic training. The NATA Hall of Famer has been performing his craft in the NFL since 1967 when he worked with Rams Head Coach George Allen. He was signaled out for his excellent skills last year as he walked away with the Society Distinguished Service Trainer Award from his peers. A Texas A&M graduate who hails from Ennis, Texas, Rhea has been voted Trainer of the Year two times in his illustrious career. The ex-president of the NATA is in his 25th season on the Falcons sidelines. He and his wife, Beverly (of 36 years), are the proud parents of two grandchildren.



WHITEY ZIMMERMAN
Equipment Manager

"Zeke" opened up a new locker room for the first time in 26 years last season in the Georgia Dome. He will help coordinate the equipment needs of the NFC representative in Super Bowl XXVIII in Atlanta this January. The Falcons original equipment man in 1966, Whitey has witnessed it all in his 31 total seasons in the League. His initial starting assignment with the NFL came with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1962. A two time honoree as Equipment Manager of the Year, Zimmerman naturally is a big sports fan who lists hockey as one of his personal favorites. The St. Louis product also loves baseball and he got started early as the bat boy for the St. Louis Browns.



BILLY BROOKS
Assistant Trainer

Billy's special talents were put to the test again with the rehabilitation of QB Chris Miller's knee. It came as no surprise to anyone how well Miller's knee responded under the watchful eye of Brooks. This rehabilitation specialist has been helping to get players back on the field with the Falcons for 11 seasons. His outstanding work with former RB William Andrews is a testament to his skills. The Garland, Texas, native has taught Georgia State students the nuances of training and holds a spot as Vice Chairman on the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers. Brooks received his Masters degree from Georgia State in Exercise Science.



HORACE DANIEL
Assistant Equipment Manager

Horace enjoyed the inaugural season in the beautiful Georgia Dome last year and is looking forward to the first Super Bowl in Atlanta in January. Daniel will assist the NFC Super Bowl participant in practice sessions in Suwanee. As a stadium authority worker, he had a hand in construction of Fulton County Stadium. The Atlanta native begins his 27th year as a member of the Falcons and has only missed two games in his long career. Horace has two children, Ken and Kim, and is also a grandfather.

**ROB JACKSON***Director of Administration/Marketing*

Rob Jackson brings a fresh perspective to the Falcons front office but he's not a new face around Atlanta. Jackson's resume boasts 15 years of marketing and sales experience in the world of radio for his first starting assignment in the NFL. The University of Georgia graduate and diehard sports fan will head up the club's efforts in revenue-producing corporate sales and sponsorships, marketing, promotions, ticket sales, advertising, and merchandising. Rob was the Director of sports sales and marketing at WSB radio before coming aboard with the birds. His background also includes stints with WCNN (President/General Manager), and WGST radio. The Atlanta native and his wife, Patti, have three sons, Matthew, Mark, and Patrick.

**WALLACE NORMAN***Controller*

Wallace ascended to his position as the NFL's first minority Controller four seasons ago, after starting out in the front office in the financial wing. Before becoming a member of the Falcons organization, he was an associate analyst for Federal Express. Norman, who hails from Henry Grady High School in Atlanta, received his MBA in finance and political science degree from the University of Georgia. In addition, the Southern bred Norman is working towards his Masters degree in accounting from nearby Georgia State.

**KEVIN ANTHONY***Administrative Assistant*

Kevin embarks on his third season as a full time member of the Falcons financial department after serving an internship in the front office in the summer of '90. An economics and psychology major at North Carolina, Anthony was also a Tarheel quarterback from '82 to '85. He still holds the school record for the most passes completed (31) and attempted (53) in a game. He played with such future NFLers as Harris Barton, Kelvin Bryant and Tommy Barnhardt. The native of Waco, Texas received his MBA in finance from Emory in '91. A product of Lakeside High School and an Atlanta resident since '71, Kevin assists in contract negotiations and other financial responsibilities concerning the club. He and his wife Eleanor live with their daughter Eleanor in Decatur.

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Team Doctor



Charles Harrison
Team Doctor



Jim Hewitt
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Grounds Maint.



Brenda Johnston
Executive Assistant
Head Coach

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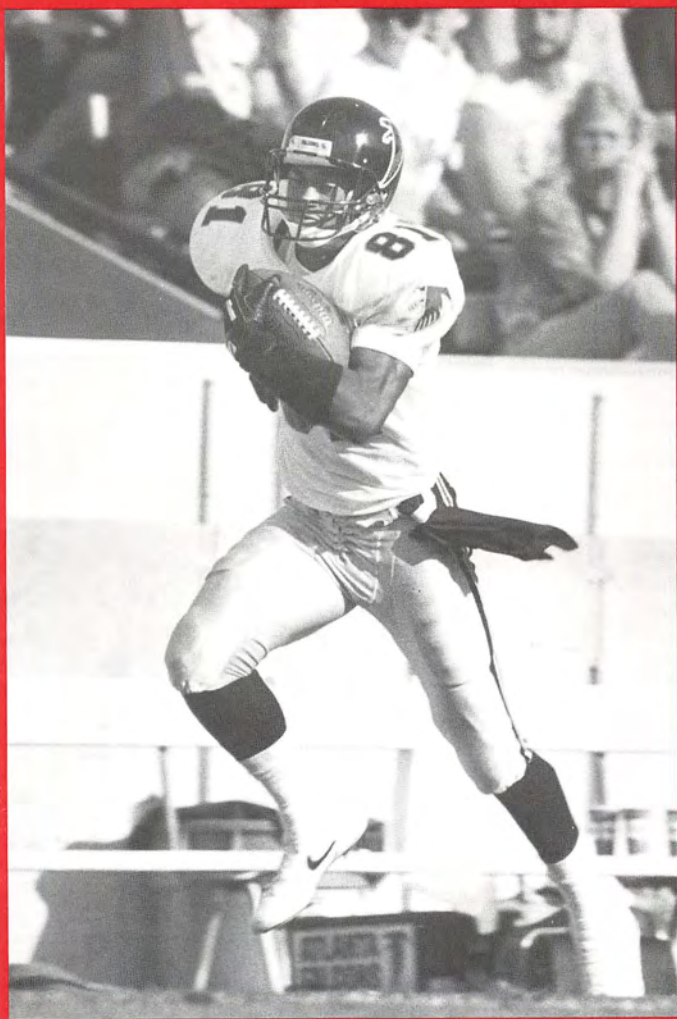
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Administrative Assistant	John O. Knox
Staff Secretaries	(Rankin M. Smith, Sr.) Nancy Bruno
	(Administration) Janet Benton
	(Taylor Smith) Karen Pieretti
	(Receptionist) Valerie Southard
	(Public Relations) LuAnn Stanaland
	(Ticket Office) Carol Woody
	(Marketing) Jan Zeller
Office Aide/Chauffeur	Roy Fulton
Superintendent of Building Maintenance	Joe Choata
Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance	Jim Hewitt
Assistant	James Jones
Housekeeping	Donna Wilson

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Jerry Gianville
Assistant Head Coach/Defense	Doug Shively
Assistant Head Coach/Offense	June Jones
Secondary	Jimmy Carr
Strength & Conditioning	Tim Jorgensen
Defensive Line	Bill Kollar
Offensive Line	Keith Rowen
Wide Receivers	Jimmy Robinson
Running Backs	Ollie Wilson
Special Teams/Tight Ends	Bobby April
Executive Assistant	Brenda Johnston

CLUB RECORDS



Team Records

Total Games Played: 400

Regular Season Record: 150-245-5 (27 seasons)

Playoff Games Played: 6

Playoff Record: 2-4

Most Games Won, Season: 12 in 1980 (all regular)

11 in 1991 (10 reg. - 1 play.)

10 in 1978 (9 reg. - 1 play.)

Best Winning Percentage, Overall Season: .706 in 1980 (12-5)

.643 in 1973 (9-5)

Best Winning Percentage, Regular Season: .750 in 1980 (12-4)

Fewest Games Won, Season: 1 in 1967 (.077-1-12-1)

Playoff Berths: 4 1978, 1980, 1982, 1991

Division Titles: 1 1980

CONSECUTIVES

Most Consecutive Wins

9 (1980)

7 (1973)

6 (Last 2, 1985 — 1st 4, 1986)

5 (1991 and 1978)

Most Consecutive Losses

11 (Last 7, 1967 — 1st 4, 1968)

9 (1st 9 played; 1984)

31 at NO, 41-10, (11-1-81)

28 NO, 45-17, (12-7-69)

28 Rams, 31-3, (10-1-72)

28 at TB, 35-7, (12-13-92)

Largest Margin of Losses

59 at Rams, 0-59, (12-4-76)

44 at Balt, 0-44, (12-1-68)

42 Balt, 7-49, (11-12-67)

42 at SF, 3-45, (11-12-89)

40 at Minn, 7-47, (9-14-68)

39 at Wash, 17-56, (11-10-91)

39 at SF, 17-56, (10-18-92)

38 at Minn, 0-38, (11-9-75)

38 at TB, 10-48, (9-13-87)

38 NO, 0-38, (11-1-87)

38 SF, 3-41, (11-9-92)

ATTENDANCE

Home Season, Total Sold (10G)

703,423 — 1992

607,490 — 1981

595,268 — 1980

Actual Attendance

635,660 — 1992

541,135 — 1980

524,132 — 1981

Largest Attendance, Game

Home: 67,404 (11-9-92 vs. SF)

67,328 (9-20-92 vs. NO)

67,036 (12-21-92 vs. Dallas)

Away: 83,437 (11-26-67 at NO, Tulane Stadium)

Consecutive Sellouts, Home

28 1971-74

BIGGEST COMEBACKS

21 at Jets (Oct. 23, 1983)

Down 21-0, Win 27-21

Green Bay (Nov. 27, 1983)

Down 21-0, Win 47-41-OT

18 at St. Louis (Nov. 9, 1980)

Down 24-6, Win 33-27-OT

17 at Green Bay (Sept. 13, 1981)

Down 17-0, Win 31-17

L.A. Rams (Oct. 18, 1987)

Down 17-0, Win 24-20

14 New Orleans (Oct. 31, 1976)

Down 14-0, Win 23-20

New York Giants (Oct. 1, 1978)

Down 14-0, Win 23-20

at New Orleans (Nov. 12, 1978)

Down 17-3, Win 20-17

at Buffalo (Nov. 2, 1980)

Down 14-0, Win 30-14

LARGEST MARGIN OF WINS

55 at NO, 62-7, (9-16-73)

41 at SD, 41-0, (10-21-73)

40 Chicago, 46-6, (10-14-73)

36 TB, 43-7, (11-17-91)

35 NO, 35-0, (12-12-82)

34 NE, 34-0, (11-29-92)

32 Houston, 42-10, (9-23-84)

St. Louis (Oct. 18, 1981)
 Down 14-0, Win 41-20
 Minnesota (Nov. 23, 1981)
 Down 21-7, Win 31-30
 L.A. Rams (Nov. 21, 1982)
 Down 14-0, Win 34-17
 S.F. 49ers (Nov. 20, 1983)
 Down 14-0, Win 28-24
 Green Bay (Dec. 1, 1991)
 Down 21-7, Win 35-31
 13 Denver (Nov. 26, 1972)
 Down 13-0, Win 23-20
 Philadelphia (Playoffs-1978)
 Down 13-0, Win 14-13
 at Tampa Bay (Sept. 28, 1986)
 Down 20-7, Win 23-20-OT

LONGEST GAME PLAYED

4:23 San Francisco (10-6-85)

SHORTEST GAME PLAYED

2:16 at New England (9-24-72)

SCORING

Most Points, Season

426 in 1981
 405 in 1980
 370 in 1983

Most Points, Game

62 vs. Saints (7)
 Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
 48 vs. Bears (31)
 Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
 47 vs. Packers (41), OT
 Nov. 27, 1983 (H)
 47 vs. Oilers (27)
 Sept. 9, 1990 (H)

Most Points, First Half

34 vs. Detroit
 Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
 33 vs. Tampa Bay
 Nov. 17, 1991 (H)

Most Points, Second Half

38 vs. Saints,
 Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

Most Points, One Quarter

33 vs. Tampa Bay (H)
 Nov. 17, 1991 (2nd Qt)
 31 vs. Green Bay, (A)
 Sept. 13, 1981 (4th Qt)

Most Points, Each Quarter

1st: 21 vs. Houston

Sept. 23, 1984 (H)
 21 vs. Houston
 Sept. 9, 1990 (H)
 2nd: 33 vs. Tampa Bay (H)
 Nov. 17, 1991
 24 vs. New Orleans,
 Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
 24 vs. Washington
 Dec. 17, 1989 (H)
 3rd: 24 vs. New Orleans
 Oct. 19, 1980 (A)
 4th: 31 vs. Green Bay
 Sept. 13, 1981 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, Game

90 Falcons (33) vs. Steelers (57)
 Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
 88 Falcons (47) vs. Packers (41)
 Nov. 27, 1983 (H)
 80 Falcons (35) vs. 49ers (45)
 Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
 79 Falcons (48) vs. Bears (31)
 Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
 79 Falcons (38) vs. Lions (41)
 Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, By Quarter

1st: 34 Falcons (13) — Raiders (21)
 Nov. 30, 1975 (A)
 2nd: 41 Falcons (20) — Saints (21)
 Sept. 2, 1979 (A)
 3rd: 35 Falcons (14) — Steelers (21)
 Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
 4th: 31 Falcons (24) — Eagles (7)
 Nov. 11, 1973 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Season

52 in 1981
 50 in 1980
 46 in 1983

Most Touchdowns, Game

8 vs. New Orleans
 Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
 6 vs. Chicago,
 Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
 6 vs. New Orleans,
 Dec. 7, 1969 (H)
 6 vs. Houston,
 Sept. 23, 1984 (H)

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

12 Atlanta (5) vs. Pittsburgh (7)
 Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most PAT's, Season

51 in 1981
 46 in 1980

43 in 1983

Most PAT's, Game

8 vs. New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

6 Three times

Most PAT's, Both Teams

11 Atlanta (5) vs. 49ers (6)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Bears (4)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
10 Atlanta (5) vs. Packers (5)
Nov. 27, 1983 (A)
10 Atlanta (5) vs. Lions (5)
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most FG's, Season

26 in 1973 (38 att.)
24 in 1985 (31 att.)
23 in 1989 (32 att.)
23 in 1986 (36 att.)
21 in 1991 (26 att.)

Most FG's Made, Game

5 vs. Los Angeles,
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
5 vs. Los Angeles,
Oct. 30, 1978 (H)

Most FG's Made, Both Teams

7 Atlanta (5) vs. L.A. Rams (2)
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
7 Atlanta (1) vs. St. Louis (6)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Game

6 vs. San Francisco, (3 made)
Oct. 7, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Both Teams

10 Atlanta (3) vs. St. Louis (7)
Dec. 11, 1966 (H)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Season

336 in 1980
325 in 1983
318 in 1981

Most First Downs, Game

35 vs. New Orleans,
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Both Teams

59 Atlanta (35) vs. New Orleans (24)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season

149 in 1985
149 in 1986
145 in 1980

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game

19 vs. New Orleans
Oct. 24, 1971 (H)

Most First Downs, Passing, Season

194 in 1992
190 in 1983
176 in 1981
173 in 1989
168 in 1990
166 in 1980

Most First Downs, Passing, Game

21 vs. St. Louis,
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most First Downs, Penalty, Season

31 in 1978
27 in 1979
26 in 1981

Most First Downs, Penalty, Game

7 vs. Cleveland,
Sept. 27, 1981 (A)

TOTAL YARDS

Most Net Yards Gained, Season

5,661 in 1981
5,650 in 1980
5,628 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game

563 vs. St. Louis, (209-R, 354-P)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)
552 vs. NO, (257-R, 295-P)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Both Teams

1,061 Atlanta (552) vs. New Orleans (509)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most Total Plays, Season

1,144 in 1981
1,090 in 1985
1,086 in 1986

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Season

2,524 in 1986
2,466 in 1985
2,406 in 1980

Most Yards Gained, Game

297 vs. L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

476 Atlanta (169) vs. Washington (307),
Nov. 3, 1985 (H)

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

582 in 1977

578 in 1986

559 in 1980

559 in 1985

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

58 vs. Tampa Bay,

Nov. 27, 1977 (A)

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

105 Atlanta (43) vs. Raiders (62)

Nov. 30, 1975 (A)

Best Rushing Average, Season

4.523 in 1969

4.520 in 1983

4.411 in 1985

Most TD's Rushing, Season

18 in 1973

17 in 1983

16 in 1984

16 in 1972

Most TD's Rushing, Game

5 vs. San Diego,

Oct. 21, 1973 (A)

PASSING

Most Net Yards Passing, Season

3,700 in 1981

3,635 in 1992

3,514 in 1989

3,461 in 1990

3,449 in 1991

3,404 in 1983

Most Net Yards Passing, Game

416 vs. Pittsburgh

Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Net Yards Passing, Both Teams, Game

807 Atlanta (365) vs. San Francisco (442)

Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

722 Atlanta (378) vs. St. Louis (344)

Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

722 Atlanta (346) vs. Washington (376)

Dec. 17, 1989 (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Season

578 in 1989

563 in 1981

548 in 1992

528 in 1990

507 in 1983

501 in 1987

500 in 1991

Most Passing Attempts, Game

66 vs. Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989

(37 comp) (H)

56 vs. L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982

(34 comp) (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

102 Atlanta (45) vs. San Francisco (57)

Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Most Passes Completed, Season

366 in 1992 (548 att.)

321 in 1983 (507 att.)

312 in 1989 (578 att.)

311 in 1981 (563 att.)

294 in 1984 (478 att.)

Most Passes Completed, Game

37 vs. Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989

(66 att.) (H)

34 vs. L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982

(56 att.) (H)

34 vs. Dallas, Dec. 21, 1992

(46 att.) (H)

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

68 Atlanta (31) vs. San Francisco (37)

Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Best Completion Percentage, Season

64.0 in 1982

63.3 in 1983

61.5 in 1984

61.3 in 1992

Most TD Passes, Season

33 in 1992

31 in 1980

30 in 1981

30 in 1991

24 in 1983

Most TD Passes, Game

5 at Tampa Bay,

Dec. 13, 1992

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game

10 Atlanta (4) vs. San Francisco (6)

Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

8 Atlanta (2) vs. Washington (6)

Nov. 10, 1991 (A)

7 Atlanta (1) vs. Cleveland (6)

Oct. 30, 1966 (H)

7 Atlanta (3) vs. Pittsburgh (4)

Nov. 3, 1968 (A)

7 Atlanta (2) vs. Pittsburgh (5)

Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

7 Atlanta (4) vs. Chicago (3)

Sept. 27, 1992 (A)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season

32 in 1987 (501 att.)
 31 in 1974 (355 att.)
 29 in 1975 (388 att.)
 26 in 1977 (297 att.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game

6 vs. L.A. Rams
 Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game

8 Atlanta (3) vs. Denver (5)
 Nov. 23, 1975 (H)

Fewest Passes, Intercepted, Season

10 in 1983 (507 att.)
 11 in 1982 (275 att.)
 12 in 1989 (578 att.)
 12 in 1973 (320 att.)
 12 in 1969 (282 att.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season

70 in 1968 (527 yds.)
 69 in 1985 (531 yds.)
 67 in 1984 (496 yds.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game

11 vs. Cleveland
 Nov. 18, 1984 (A)
 11 vs. St. Louis
 Nov. 23, 1968 (A)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game, Both Teams

17 Atlanta (8) vs. Philadelphia (9)
 Dec. 14, 1984 (H)

Fewest Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season

25 in 1982 (219 att.)
 31 in 1991 (500 att.)
 31 in 1971 (239 att.)
 32 in 1975 (294 att.)

PUNTING**Highest Punting Average, Season**

44.32 in 1968
 43.69 in 1967
 43.30 in 1966

Most Punts, Season

110 in 1978
 106 in 1977
 101 in 1976

Most Punts, Game

12 vs. Washington
 Dec. 10, 1978 (H)

PUNT RETURNS**Highest Punt Return Average, Season**

12.5 in 1974
 11.4 in 1982
 10.7 in 1989
 10.6 in 1983

Most Punt Returns, Season

60 in 1976
 53 in 1980
 51 in 1974
 51 in 1977

Most Punt Returns, Game

8 vs. Chicago
 Oct. 13, 1974 (H)
 8 vs. San Francisco
 Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season

635 in 1974
 536 in 1980
 489 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game

137 vs. New Orleans
 Oct. 25, 1970 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season

2 in 1970

Most TD Returns, Game

1 Five Times, Most Recent
 Oct. 28, 1990 vs. Cincinnati (H)

KICKOFF RETURNS**Highest Kickoff Return Average, Season**

25.03 in 1971
 23.94 in 1992
 22.89 in 1981
 21.89 in 1978

Most Kickoff Returns, Season

82 in 1966
 73 in 1979
 72 in 1985

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

10 vs. Pittsburgh
 Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
 9 vs. Washington
 Nov. 10, 1991 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season

1,737 in 1966
 1,700 in 1987
 1,532 in 1992
 1,509 in 1989
 1,477 in 1971
 1,471 in 1967

Most Yards Gained, Game

214 vs. Houston
Oct. 25, 1987 (A)

209 vs. Pittsburgh
Dec. 18, 1986 (H)

190 vs. New Orleans
Dec. 3, 1992 (A)

Most TD Returns, Season

2 in 1992
1 in 1967, 69, 78, 85, 87, 90, 91
Last time — Sanders vs. Bills
(Nov. 22, 1992)

TURNOVERS/TAKEAWAYS**Most Fumbles Had, Season**

42 in 1972
42 in 1978
39 three times

Most Fumbles Lost, Season

24 in 1974
21 in 1973, 1976, 1984

Most Fumbles Had, Game

7 vs. L.A. Rams
Sept. 28, 1969 (A)

Most Fumbles Lost, Game

5 vs. New Orleans
Oct. 15, 1972 (A)
5 vs. New Orleans
Oct. 10, 1976 (A)

Most Turnovers, Season

55 in 1974 (24 Fum., 31 int.)
49 in 1987 (17 Fum., 32 int.)
48 in 1975 (19 Fum., 29 int.)
45 in 1976 (21 Fum., 24 int.)

Most Fumbles by Opponents, Season

45 in 1978
43 in 1981
37 in 1969

Most Recoveries On Fumbles By Opponents, Season

27 in 1969
25 in 1978
22 in 1976 and 1977

Most Fumbles By Opponents, Game

5 Six Times

Most Takeaways, Season

48 in 1977
46 in 1969
46 in 1981

Most Interceptions, Season

26 in 1977
26 in 1980

25 in 1967, 1975, 1981

24 in 1968, 1976, 1988

Biggest Turnover Differential, Season

+23 in 1977 (48 Take, 25 Turn)
+16 in 1980 (42 Take, 26 Turn)
+15 in 1969 (46 Take, 31 Turn)

Biggest Turnover Deficit, Season

-26 in 1974 (29 Take, 55 Turn)
-22 in 1987 (27 Take, 49 Turn)
-12 in 1966 (32 Take, 44 Turn)
-12 in 1967 (27 Take, 39 Turn)

QUARTERBACK SACKS**Most Sacks, Season**

47 in 1978
46 in 1980
42 in 1977 and 1985

Most Sack Yardage, Season

425 in 1978
396 in 1980
391 in 1977
389 in 1989

Most Sacks, Game

9 vs. N.Y. Giants
Oct. 2, 1977

PENALTIES**Most Penalties, Season**

130 in 1978 (1,083 yds.)
125 in 1985 (1,149 yds.)
125 in 1984 (1,011 yds.)
125 in 1990 (1,004 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game

17 vs. San Francisco
Nov. 5, 1978 (A)
16 vs. Cleveland
Nov. 8, 1987 (A)
16 vs. Houston
Sept. 9, 1990 (H)

Fewest Penalties, Season

63 in 1969 (601 yds.)
63 in 1968 (659 yds.)
65 in 1973 (593 yds.)

Fewest Penalties, Game

1 Eight Times — Most Recent
vs. New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1992

Most Yards, Penalties, Game

153 vs. Green Bay, Dec. 26, 1972
(16 penalties) (H)

Defensive Bests

POINTS

Fewest Points Allowed, Season

129 in 1977

Fewest Points Allowed, Game

0 Nine Times—Most Recent
vs. New England, Nov. 29, 1992

Fewest TD's Allowed, Season

15 in 1977

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs, Season

170 in 1982
192 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Game

7 Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)
7 vs. Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season

66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game

1 vs. L.A. Rams
Sept. 18, 1977 (H)
1 vs. Dallas,
Dec. 30, 1990 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season

76 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game

0 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season

2,848 in 1982
3,242 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game

78 vs. Tampa Bay (62-R, 16-P)
Nov. 27, 1977

Fewest Yards Rushing Per Attempt, Season

3.3 in 1990

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season

1,044 in 1982
1,357 in 1990
1,630 in 1980

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game

29 vs. Houston,
Sept. 9, 1990 (H) (12 Att.)
33 vs. Seattle,
Dec. 15, 1991 (H) (12 Att.)
39 vs. Phoenix (H) (17 att.)
Nov. 15, 1992

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game

11 vs. Detroit,
Sept. 18, 1983 (34 yards) (A)
11 vs. Tampa Bay,
Dec. 2, 1990 (42 yards) (A)
11 vs. Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (45 yards) (H)

Fewest TD's Allowed, Rushing, Season

5 in 1977

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season

1,384 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game

9 vs. St. Louis,
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)
15 vs. New England,
Nov. 29, 1992 (H)

Fewest Passing Attempts, Game

8 vs. Green Bay (3 Comp.),
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game

2 vs. St. Louis (10 Att.),
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Passing, Season

9 in 1971
9 in 1977

Club Records —The Fewest

POINTS

Fewest Points Scored, Season

111 in 1974
170 in 1968
172 in 1976

Fewest Points Scored, Game

0 17 Times — Most Recent
Oct. 9, 1988 vs. L.A. Rams (H)

Fewest Points Scored, Game, Both Teams

3 Atlanta (0) vs. Buffalo (3)
Oct. 16, 1977 (A)
7 Atlanta (7) vs. San Francisco (0)
Oct. 9, 1977 (A)

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

12 in 1974
20 in 1968
20 in 1976
20 in 1977

Fewest PAT's, Season

12 in 1974
17 in 1968
19 in 1976

Fewest FG's, Season

4 in 1974
7 in 1967
9 in 1966, 1970, 1974

Fewest First Downs, Season

178 in 1968
178 in 1974

Fewest First Downs, Game

2 vs. L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest First Downs, Game, Both Teams

14 Atlanta (5) vs. Minnesota (9)
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season

65 in 1992

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game

0 Three Times, Last vs. Dallas
Dec. 21, 1992 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season

80 in 1977

Fewest First Downs

0 vs. Chicago
Nov. 24, 1985 (A)

Fewest First Downs

9 in 1968

TOTAL YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season

2,800 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game

44 vs. San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (83-R, - 39-P) (A)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams

252 Atlanta (155) vs. San Francisco (97)
Nov. 6, 1977 (A)

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Gained, Season

1,155 in 1989
1,179 in 1982
1,270 in 1992
1,303 in 1967

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

19 vs. L.A. Rams
Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

79 Atlanta (29) vs. San Francisco (50)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season

309 in 1982
318 in 1989
322 in 1992
333 in 1987
344 in 1967

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game

9 vs. Chicago, Sept. 27, 1992 (A)
10 vs. Dallas, Dec. 21, 1992 (H)
12 vs. Washington, Sept. 13, 1992 (A)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

37 Atlanta (18) vs. San Francisco (19)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards, Season

1,307 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards, Game

(-39) vs. San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Net Yards Both Teams, Game

37 Atlanta (-39) vs San Francisco (76)
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season

275 in 1982 (176 Comp.)
282 in 1969 (149 Comp.)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Game

9 vs. Chicago
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)
9 vs. L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
9 vs. L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game

21 Atlanta (9) vs. Chicago (12)
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)

Fewest Passes Intercepted, Season

10 in 1983 (507 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season

140 in 1977 (297 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game

2 vs. L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
2 vs. L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

10 Atlanta (6) vs. Minnesota (4)
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

10 Atlanta (6) vs. Chicago (4)
Sept. 17, 1972
10 Atlanta (8) vs. St. Louis (2)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Touchdown Passes, Season

4 in 1974

Fewest Sacks Allowed, Season

25 in 1982
31 in 1971
31 in 1991

PUNTING

Fewest Punts, Season

43 in 1982
60 in 1971

Fewest Punts, Game

1 Three times, Last Time vs. Pittsburgh
Nov. 4, 1990 (A)

PENALTIES

Fewest Penalties, Season

63 in 1968 (659 yards)
63 in 1969 (601 yards)

Fewest Penalties, Game

1 Eight Times — Most recent
Dec. 3, 1992 vs. New Orleans (A)

Fewest Yards Penalties, Season

593 in 1973 (65 penalties)

FUMBLES

Fewest Fumbles, Season

14 in 1982
19 in 1991
20 in 1967

Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season

9 in 1977
9 in 1980

Rison into the NFL Record Books

In 1991, Andre Rison set the record for the most receptions by a wide receiver in his first three years in the NFL with 215. Last season, he established the mark for most catches in the first four years of his career with 308. To become the most prolific wide out ever in five years in the League he has to grab 82 passes in '93. Sterling Sharpe of the Packers is the current record holder with 389.

Opponents Game Bests

TEAM

Most Points Scored:	59 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Points By Quarters:	1st: 28 Buffalo, Nov. 22, 1992 (A)
	2nd: 28 Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968 (A)
	28 St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978 (A)
	28 Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (H)
	3rd: 21 Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984 (A)
	21 Washington, Dec. 17, 1989 (H)
	21 Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
	21 Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (H)
	21 Miami, Nov. 3, 1974 (A)
	4th: 24 Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1967 (H)
Most Yards Gained:	595 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (169-R, 426-P) (H)
Most Yards Rushing:	315 by Buffalo (44 att.) Nov. 22, 1992 (A)
Most Rushing Attempts:	65 by Minnesota, (211 yds.), Nov. 9, 1975 (A)
Most TD's, Rushing:	7 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Most Net Yards Passing:	451 by Washington, Nov. 10, 1991 (A)
Most Pass Attempts:	57 by S.F. 49ers. (37 Comp.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most Pass Completions:	37 by S.F. 49ers. (57 att.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most TD Passes:	6 by Washington, Nov. 10, 1991 (A)
	6 by San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
	6 by Cleveland Browns, Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
Most Had Intercepted:	6 by New Orleans Saints, Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
Most Punts:	11 by N.Y. Giants, Oct. 25, 1981 (A)
Most Punt Returns:	9 by S.F. 49ers, Oct. 29, 1972 (H)
Most Fair Catches:	6 by Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971 (A)
Most Yards, Punt Returns:	219 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most TD's, Punt Returns:	2 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 27, 1992 (A)
Most Kickoff Returns:	9 by Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
Most Kickoff Return Yards:	242 by San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973 (A)
Most Fumbles:	5 by Eight Teams (Most Recent by Patriots, Nov. 29, 1992)
Most Fumbles Lost:	5 by New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972 (A) and Oct. 10, 1976 (A)
Most Penalties:	15 by Buffalo Bills, Dec. 18, 1983 (H)
Most Penalty Yards:	135 by L.A. Raiders, (11 pen.), Nov. 19, 1970 (H)

Individual Records

SCORING

Most Points Career

- 558 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
- 288 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 282 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 246 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 240 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 236 Greg Davis, 1987-90
- 229 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
- 198 Andre Rison, 1990-
- 188 Norm Johnson, 1991-
- 186 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 174 Michael Haynes, 1988-
- 168 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 156 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 150 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

Most Points, Season

- 114 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
- 106 Greg Davis, 1990
- 102 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
- 101 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
- 95 Norm Johnson, 1991
- 94 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
- 93 Norm Johnson, 1992
- 91 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
- 82 Greg Davis, 1988
- 79 Bill Bell, 1972
- 78 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 78 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 78 Bob Etter, 1969

Most Points, Game

- 18 Andre Rison vs. Chicago
9-27-92 (Away)
- 18 Andre Rison vs. Tampa Bay
11-17-91 (Home)
- 18 Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
- 18 Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams
10-7-84 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs. Buffalo
12-18-83 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs. Green Bay
11-27-83 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs. Denver
12-5-82 (Away)
- 18 Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans
11-1-81 (Away)
- 18 Lynn Cain vs. Oakland
10-14-79 (Away)

- 17 Greg Davis vs. Houston
9-9-90 (Home)
- 15 Tim Mazzetti vs. L.A. Rams
10-30-78 (Home)
- 15 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. L.A. Rams
11-4-73 (Home)
- 15 Norm Johnson vs. San Francisco
10-13-91 (Away)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring

- 68 Mick Luckhurst
(1981-WK 12, 1985)

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 41 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 33 Andre Rison, 1990
- 31 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 29 Michael Haynes, 1988-
- 28 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 26 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 25 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
- 24 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Touchdowns, Season

- 13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 12 Andre Rison, 1991
- 12 William Andrews, 1981
- 11 Andre Rison, 1992
- 11 William Andrews, 1983
- 11 Michael Haynes, 1991
- 10 Michael Haynes, 1992
- 10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 10 Andre Rison, 1990
- 9 Eddie Ray, 1973
- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1986

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Nine times
(see Most Points, Game)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Scored

- 4 Andre Rison, 1991
- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 4 Jim Mitchell, 1975
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1975

KICKING

Most PAT's Made, Career

- 213 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87

105 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
94 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Attempted, Career

216 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
108 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
104 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Made, Season

51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
43 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Attempted, Season

51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
49 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
45 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Made, Game

8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Saints
9-16-73 (Away)

Most PAT's Attempted, Game

8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Saints
9-16-73 (Away)

Most Consecutive PAT's Made

134 Mick Luckhurst

Most FG's Made, Career

115 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
51 Greg Davis, 1987-90
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
37 Norm Johnson, 1991-

Most FG's Attempted, Career

164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
78 Greg Davis, 1987-90
68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Made, Season

26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
22 Greg Davis, 1990
21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Attempted, Season

38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
33 Greg Davis, 1990
31 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

Most FG's Made, Game

5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Rams
11-4-73 (Home)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams

10-30-78 (Away)

Most FG's Attempted, Game

5 Mick Luckhurst vs. Saints
12-22-85 (Away)
5 Mick Luckhurst vs. Eagles
12-16-84 (Home)
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Rams
11-4-73 (Home), vs. Bears 9-26-76 (Away),
vs. Bears 10-23-77 (Away)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams
10-30-78 (Away), vs. Cardinals, 11-9-80 (Away)
5 Greg Davis vs. Steelers
11-4-90 (Away)

Most Consecutive FG's Made

17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984 (3), 1985 (1st 14)
15 Norm Johnson, 1991 (Wks. 5-16)

Best FG Percentage, Career (Min. 45)

.822 Norm Johnson, 1991-
.701 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
.662 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
.654 Greg Davis, 1987-90
.538 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77

Best FG Percentage, Season (Min. 20)

.826 Norm Johnson, 1991
.818 Norm Johnson, 1992
.774 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
.772 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
.750 Paul McFadden, 1989
.740 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
.714 Mick Luckhurst, 1982
.703 Tim Mazzetti, 1980

Most 50-yard FG's, Season

4 Norm Johnson, 1992
3 Mick Luckhurst, 1984

Most 50-yard FG's, Career

7 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
5 Norm Johnson, 1991-92

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Career

6,631 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
5,986 William Andrews, 1979-86
3,490 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
2,662 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
2,313 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
2,250 Jim Butler, 1968-71
2,118 Art Malone, 1970-74
1,801 John Settle, 1987-90
1,612 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969

- 1,528 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
- 1,321 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
- 1,266 Steve Broussard, 1990-

Most Yards Gained, Season

- 1,719 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 1,567 William Andrews, 1983
- 1,486 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 1,327 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 1,308 William Andrews, 1980
- 1,301 William Andrews, 1981
- 1,024 John Settle, 1988
- 1,023 William Andrews, 1979
- 1,002 Dave Hampton, 1975
- 997 Dave Hampton, 1973
- 995 Dave Hampton, 1972

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 202 Gerald Riggs vs. Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 35 Att.
- 197 Gerald Riggs vs. Chiefs
12-8-85 (Away) 26 Att.
- 172 Gerald Riggs vs. Miami
11-30-86 (Away) 33 Att.
- 167 William Andrews vs. Saints
9-2-79 (Away) 30 Att.
- 161 William Andrews vs. Miami
12-10-83 (Away) 21 Att.

(All 100 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Rushing Attempts, Career

- 1,587 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 1,315 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 885 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
- 728 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 609 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 603 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
- 532 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 430 John Settle, 1987-90
- 428 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
- 405 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
- 309 Steve Broussard, 1990-
- 332 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

- 397 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 353 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 343 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 331 William Andrews, 1983
- 289 William Andrews, 1981
- 265 William Andrews, 1980
- 263 Dave Hampton, 1973
- 250 Dave Hampton, 1975
- 247 Haskel Stanback, 1977
- 239 William Andrews, 1979

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

- 41 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
11-17-85 (Home) 123 yds.
- 39 Gerald Riggs vs. Saints
12-22-85 (Away) 158 yds.
- 35 Gerald Riggs vs. Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 202 yds.
- 35 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
10-12-86 (Home) 141 yds.
- 35 Lynn Cain vs. Rams
10-7-84 (Away) 145 yds.

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

- 25 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 22 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Most 100-Yard Games, Season

- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 7 William Andrews, 1983
- 7 William Andrews, 1980
- 6 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 5 Gerald Riggs, 1984

Most TD's Rushing, Career

- 48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 30 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 25 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

Most TD's Rushing, Season

- 13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 10 William Andrews, 1981
- 10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 7 William Andrews, 1983
- 7 John Settle, 1988

Most TD's Rushing, Game

- 3 Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
- 3 Lynn Cain vs. Rams
10-7-84 (Away)

Most Consecutive Games, Rushing TD

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1988
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1975

Highest Average Gain, Career (300 carries)

- 4.55 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 4.17 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 4.15 John Settle, 1987-1990
- 4.10 Steve Broussard, 1990-1992
- 3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 3.97 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
- 3.94 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Highest Average Gain, Season (150 carries)

- 4.94 William Andrews, 1980
- 4.73 William Andrews, 1983
- 4.50 William Andrews, 1981
- 4.413 John Settle, 1988
- 4.411 Mike Rozier, 1990
- 4.330 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 4.326 Dave Hampton, 1972
- 4.310 Gerald Riggs, 1987

Highest Average Gain, Game (10 carries)

- 10.40 Steve Broussard vs. S.F.
10-13-91 (10-104) (A)
- 10.20 John Settle vs. N.O.
9-11-88 (10-102) (H)
- 9.10 Art Malone vs. S.F.
12-10-72 (10-91) (A)
- 7.67 William Andrews vs. Miami
12-10-83 (21-161) (A)
- 7.58 Gerald Riggs vs. Chiefs
12-8-85 (26-197) (A)
- 7.47 Jim Butler vs. 49ers
10-4-70 (17-127) (H)

PASSING

Most Yards Gained Passing, Career

- 23,468 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 13,721 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 4,275 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Yards Gained Passing, Season

- 3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 3,459 Chris Miller, 1989
- 3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 3,103 Chris Miller, 1991
- 2,735 Chris Miller, 1990
- 2,502 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 2,489 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
- 2,158 Bob Berry, 1972
- 2,158 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- 2,133 Chris Miller, 1988
- 2,007 Dave Archer, 1986
- 2,005 Bob Berry, 1971

Most 300-Yard Games, Career

- 12 Steve Bartkowski, 75-85
- 8 Chris Miller, 1987-

Most 300-Yard Games, Season

- 3 Chris Miller, 1989
- 3 Steve Bartkowski, 1981 and 1983
- 3 Wade Wilson, 1992

Most Yards Gained Passing, Game

- 416 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt.
11-15-81 (33-50) (H)
- 378 Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis
11-9-80 (31-47) (A)
- 375 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raiders
9-19-82 (36-54) (H)
- 374 Wade Wilson vs. Rams
12-27-92 (31-47) (A)

(All 300 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Passes Attempted, Career

- 3,329 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 2,023 Chris Miller, 1987
- 1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 647 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Attempted, Season

- 533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 526 Chris Miller, 1989
- 463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 413 Chris Miller, 1991
- 388 Chris Miller, 1990
- 379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 66 Chris Miller vs. Lions
12-24-89 (37 comp.) (H)
- 56 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raiders
9-19-82 (34 comp.) (H)
- 50 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt.
11-15-81 (33 comp.) (H)
- 49 Chris Miller vs. Chicago
11-11-90 (28 comp.) (A)
- 48 Steve Bartkowski vs. Giants
10-25-81 (24 comp.) (H)
- 48 Chris Miller vs. Bears
9-27-92 (30 comp.) (A)
- 47 Wade Wilson vs. Rams
12-29-92 (31 comp.) (A)
- 47 Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals
11-9-80 (31 comp.) (A)
- 46 Erik Kramer vs. Rams
10-18-87 (27 comp.) (H)
- 44 Bob Berry vs. Packers
9-27-70 (28 comp.) (A)
- 44 Chris Miller vs. Cardinals
10-22-89 (24 comp.) (A)
- 44 Chris Miller vs. Saints
10-7-90 (23 comp.) (H)

Most Passes Completed, Career

- 1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 1,097 Chris Miller, 1987
- 598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 331 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Completed, Season

- 297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 280 Chris Miller, 1989
- 274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 222 Chris Miller, 1990
- 220 Chris Miller, 1991
- 203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
- 184 Chris Miller, 1988

Most Passes Completed, Game

- 37 Chris Miller vs. Lions
12-24-89 (H)
- 36 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raiders
9-19-82 (56 Att.) (H)
- 33 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt.
11-15-81 (50 Att.) (H)
- 31 Wade Wilson vs. Rams
12-29-92 (47 att.) (A)
- 31 Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals
11-9-80 (47 Att.) (A)
- 30 Chris Miller vs. Bears
9-27-92 (48 att.) (A)
- 30 Wade Wilson vs. Cowboys
12-21-92 (41 att.) (H)
- 28 Bob Berry vs. Packers
9-27-70 (44 Att.) (A)
- 28 Steve Bartkowski vs. 49ers
11-20-83 (39 Att.) (H)
- 28 Chris Miller vs. Bears
11-11-90 (49 Att.) (A)
- 27 Erik Kramer vs. Rams
10-18-87 (46 Att.) (H)
- 27 Chris Miller vs. Vikings
9-8-91 (41 Att.) (H)

Most Consecutive Passes, Completed

- 10 Chris Miller vs. Dallas
9-17-89
- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Rams
10-7-84
- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston
11-29-81
- 10 Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6) and Chicago (4)
11-9-69 through 11-16-69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

- 57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72

- 56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 54.2 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 51.2 Dave Archer, 1984-87
- 49.3 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Highest Completion Percentage, Season

- .681 Wade Wilson, 1992
- .673 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- .6343 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- .6336 Steve Bartkowski, 1982
- .617 Turk Schonert, 1986
- .602 Bob Berry, 1971
- .601 Chris Miller, 1992

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 Att.)

- .857 Steve Bartkowski vs. Detroit
9-9-84 (24-28) (H)
- .826 Steve Bartkowski vs. 49ers
9-25-83 (19-23) (A)
- .826 Steve Bartkowski vs. Pitt.
10-28-84 (19-23) (A)
- .792 Steve Bartkowski vs. Raiders
9-19-82 (19-24) (H)
- .762 Bob Berry vs. SF/GB
9-19-71 (16-21) (H)
- 11-27-71 (16-21) (H)

Best QB Rating, Career

- 78.8 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 75.5 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 74.5 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
- 64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 62.9 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)

- 110.2 Wade Wilson, 1992
- 106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
- 97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
- 90.7 Chris Miller, 1992
- 89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- 88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980

Most TD Passes, Career

- 154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 86 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 18 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most TD Passes, Season

- 31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 26 Chris Miller, 1991
- 22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

- 17 Chris Miller, 1990
- 16 Bob Berry, 1970
- 16 Chris Miller, 1989
- 15 Chris Miller, 1992

Most TD Passes, Game

- 5 Wade Wilson vs. Buccaneers (12-12-92)
- 4 Randy Johnson vs. Bears (11-16-89)
- 4 Steve Bartkowski vs. Saints (10-19-80)
- 4 Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals (10-18-81)
- 4 Chris Miller vs. Bears (9-27-92)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass

- 14 Chris Miller, 1991-92
- 14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
- 13 Chris Miller, 1989-90
- 9 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 8 Steve Bartkowski, 1981

Most Consecutive Passes Without Int.

- 197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83
- 185 Chris Miller, 1989

Most Consecutive Games Without Int.

- 5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career

- 3.41 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 4.48 Dave Archer, 1984-87
- 5.34 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 5.47 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Lowest Interception Pct., Season (150 Att.)

- 1.16 Steve Bartkowski, 1983 (5-432)
- 1.90 Chris Miller, 1989 (10-526)
- 1.98 Scott Hunter, 1977 (3-151)
- 2.37 Chris Miller, 1992 (6-253)
- 2.45 Wade Wilson, 1992 (4-163)
- 3.06 David Archer, 1986 (9-294)

Most Interceptions, Career

- 141 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 69 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 56 Bob Berry, 1968-72

Most Interceptions, Season

- 23 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 21 Randy Johnson, 1966
- 21 Randy Johnson, 1967
- 20 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

Most Interceptions, Game

- 5 Kim McQuilken vs. Vikings
11-9-75

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught, Career

- 359 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 305 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 276 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 256 Andre Rison, 1990-
- 244 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 202 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
- 188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 186 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 182 Michael Haynes, 1988-
- 181 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
- 166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Passes Caught, Season

- 93 Andre Rison, 1992
- 82 Andre Rison, 1990
- 81 Andre Rison, 1991
- 81 William Andrews, 1981
- 77 Mike Pritchard, 1992
- 74 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 68 John Settle, 1988
- 67 Stacey Bailey, 1984
- 64 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 63 Charlie Brown, 1986
- 62 Billy Johnson, 1985
- 60 Drew Hill, 1992
- 59 William Andrews, 1983
- 58 Shawn Collins, 1989

Most 50-Catch Seasons

- 3 Alfred Jenkins, 1992
- 3 William Andrews, 1992
- 3 Andre Rison, 1992

Most Passes Caught (3 Week Period)

- 30 Andre Rison (11 Sept. 23; 10 Oct. 7; 9 Oct. 14, 1990)
- 27 Andre Rison (8 Oct. 18; 8, Nov. 1; 11 Nov. 9)

Most Passes Caught, Game

- 15 William Andrews vs. Pitt.
11-15-81 (124 yds.) (H)
- 13 William Andrews vs. T. Bay
12-6-81 (98 yds.) (A)
- 11 Andre Rison vs. 49ers
11-9-92 (99 yds.) (H)
- 11 William Andrews vs. Green Bay
12-26-82 (77 yds.) (H)
- 11 Billy Johnson vs. Saints
10-20-85 (153 yds.) (H)
- 11 Andre Rison vs. 49ers
9-23-90 (128 yards) (A)

- 10 Wallace Francis vs. Rams
12-9-79 (108 yds.) (H)
- 10 John Settle vs. Chargers
11-13-88 (106 yds.) (H)
- 10 Andre Rison vs. Saints
10-7-90 (154 yds.) (H)
- 10 Andre Rison vs. Bears
9-27-92 (177 yds.) (A)

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career

- 6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 3,378 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
- 3,305 Andre Rison, 1990-
- 3,288 Michael Haynes, 1988-
- 3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
- 2,645 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 2,487 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
- 2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 1,451 Mike Pritchard, 1991-
- 1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
- 1,384 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season

- 1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 1,208 Andre Rison, 1990
- 1,138 Stacey Bailey, 1984
- 1,122 Michael Haynes, 1991
- 1,121 Andre Rison, 1992
- 1,025 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
- 1,013 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 976 Andre Rison, 1991
- 918 Charlie Brown, 1986
- 881 Stacey Bailey, 1983
- 862 Shawn Collins, 1989
- 862 Wallace Francis, 1980

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game

- 193 Alfred Jackson vs. S.F.
12-2-84 (11 catches) (H)
- 190 Michael Haynes vs. Redskins
12-17-89 (6 catches) (H)
- 190 Ken Burrow vs. Detroit
10-3-71 (6 catches) (A)
- 190 Ken Burrow vs. Saints
12-19-71 (8 catches) (A)
- 187 Michael Haynes vs. New Orleans
11-24-91 (6 catches) (A)
- 179 Alfred Jenkins vs. Saints
11-1-81 (5 catches) (H)
- 177 Andre Rison vs. Bears
9-27-92 (10 catches) (A)

(All 100-yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

- 17 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 8 Andre Rison, 1990-1992
- Michael Haynes, 1988-1992
- Stacey Bailey, 1982-1989
- 6 Ken Burrow, 1971-1975

Most 100 Yard Receiving Games, Season

- 5 Michael Haynes, 1991
- 5 Andre Rison, 1990

Most TD Passes Received, Career

- 40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 33 Andre Rison, 1990
- 29 Michael Haynes, 1988-
- 28 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 27 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most TD Passes Received, Season

- 13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 12 Andre Rison, 1991
- 11 Michael Haynes, 1991
- 11 Andre Rison, 1992
- 10 Andre Rison, 1990
- 10 Michael Haynes, 1992
- 8 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Most TD Passes Received, Game

- 3 Andre Rison vs. Tampa Bay
11-17-91
- 3 Alfred Jenkins vs. Saints
11-1-81
- 3 Andre Rison vs. Bears
9-27-92

Highest Per Catch Average, Season (Min. 40)

- 22.4 Michael Haynes (50) 1991
- 19.4 Alfred Jenkins (70) 1981
- 18.0 Alfred Jenkins (57) 1980
- 17.3 Alfred Jenkins (41) 1976
- 17.2 Alfred Jenkins (50) 1979
- 16.8 Michael Haynes (48) 1992

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career

- 3,219 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 1,989 Ron Smith, 1966-67
- 1,934 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
- 1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 1,655 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80

1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
790 Keith Jones, 1989-
685 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

Most Yards On Returns, Season

1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,067 Deion Sanders, 1992
1,013 Ron Smith, 1966
976 Ron Smith, 1967
851 Deion Sanders, 1990
838 Cliff Austin, 1985
799 Jim Butler, 1968

Most Yards on Returns, Game

193 Sylvester Stamps, at Houston
10-25-87 (A)
190 Deion Sanders, at New Orleans
12-3-92 (A)
177 Sylvester Stamps, at S.F.
12-20-87 (A)

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 25)

24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67
24.16 Jim Butler, 1968-71
24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73
23.30 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
22.99 Deion Sanders, 1989-

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 25)

27.50 Sylvester Stamps, 1984
26.68 Deion Sanders, 1992
26.48 Dennis Pearson, 1978
25.21 Willie Belton, 1971
25.03 Ron Smith, 1967
24.32 Reggie Smith, 1981
24.28 Gerald Tinker, 1974

Most Returns, Career

140 Deion Sanders, 1989-
83 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
77 Jim Butler, 1968-71
72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
55 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
50 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Returns, Season

47 Reggie Smith, 1981
43 Ron Smith, 1966
40 Deion Sanders, 1992
39 Ron Smith, 1967

39 Cliff Austin, 1985
39 Deion Sanders, 1990
37 Jim Butler, 1968
35 Deion Sanders, 1989

Longest Kickoff Returns

100t Deion Sanders at S.F.
10-13-91 (A)
100t Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis
12-17-78 (A)
99t Deion Sanders vs. Redskins
9-13-92 (A)
99t Ron Smith vs. Baltimore
9-17-67 (A)
97t Sylvester Stamps vs. S.F.
12-20-87 (A)
94t Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans
10-20-85 (H)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career

1,251 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
768 Deion Sanders, 1989
738 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
540 Ray Brown, 1971-77
413 Al Dodd, 1973-74
366 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Yards On Returns, Season

489 Billy Johnson, 1983
376 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
360 Ray Brown, 1973
352 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
344 Al Dodd, 1974

Most Yards On Returns, Game

116 Billy Johnson vs. Jets
10-23-83 (A)
108 Al Dodd vs. Chicago
10-13-74 (H)

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 30)

11.80 Al Dodd, 1973-74
10.09 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
9.89 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
9.03 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
8.85 Ray Brown, 1971-77
8.43 Deion Sanders, 1989

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 20)

12.74 Al Dodd, 1974
12.22 Kenny Johnson, 1980
11.38 Billy Johnson, 1982
11.00 Deion Sanders, 1989
10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983

9.69 Tony Smith, 1992

9.00 Ray Brown, 1973

Lew Barnes, 1988

Highest Average Return, Game (Min. 3)

31.0 Billy Johnson vs. Raiders

11-21-82

26.0 Ray Brown vs. Eagles

11-11-73

Most Returns, Career

124 Billy Johnson, 1982-87

110 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

91 Deion Sanders, 1989-

61 Ray Brown, 1971-77

47 Billy Ryckman, 1977-80

46 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Returns, Season

54 Rolland Lawrence, 1976

51 Rolland Lawrence, 1977

46 Billy Johnson, 1983

40 Ray Brown, 1973

34 Lew Barnes, 1988

33 Scott Woerner, 1981

Most Returns, Game

8 Rolland Lawrence vs. S.F.

10-9-77 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns

2 Deion Sanders, 1989, 1990

1 Tom McCauley, 1970

John Mallory, 1970

Gerald Tinker, 1974

Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns

79t Deion Sanders vs. Cincinnati

10-28-90 (H)

77t Tom McCauley vs. N.O.

10-25-70 (H)

75t John Mallory vs. Minn.

12-20-70 (H)

72t Gerald Tinker vs. N.O.

9-29-74 (A)

71t Billy Johnson vs. Jets

10-23-83 (A)

68t Deion Sanders vs. Rams

9-10-89 (A)

Combined Return Yards, Career

3,987 Deion Sanders, 1989-

2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67

2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81

1,942 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88

1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71

1,423 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

1,419 Willie Belton, 1971-73

1,354 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80

1,289 Billy Johnson, 1982-87

1,229 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75

1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Combined Return Yards, Season

1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981

1,108 Deion Sanders, 1992

1,101 Deion Sanders, 1990

1,093 Ron Smith, 1966

1,068 Ron Smith, 1967

1,032 Deion Sanders, 1989

897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976

869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career

231 Deion Sanders, 1989

139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

129 Billy Johnson, 1982-87

113 Ron Smith, 1966-67

112 Reggie Smith, 1980-81

95 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Combined Returns, Season

75 Rolland Lawrence, 1976

68 Deion Sanders, 1990

63 Deion Sanders, 1989

59 Ron Smith, 1967

59 Reggie Smith, 1981

58 Willie Belton, 1971

54 Ron Smith, 1966

53 Deion Sanders, 1992

COMBINED NET YARDS

(Rushing, Receiving, Returns)

Most Combined Yards, Career

8,702 William Andrews, 1979-86

8,363 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

6,327 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83

5,789 Wallace Francis, 1975-81

5,106 Dave Hampton, 1972-75

4,828 Jim Butler, 1968-71

4,549 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79

4,416 Deion Sanders, 1989-

3,702 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

3,572 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

3,569 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Combined Yards, Season

2,176 William Andrews, 1983

2,037 William Andrews, 1981

1,986 Gerald Riggs, 1985
 1,774 Dave Hampton, 1972
 1,764 William Andrews, 1980
 1,763 Gerald Riggs, 1984
 1,594 John Settle, 1988
 1,528 Dave Hampton, 1973
 1,463 Gerald Riggs, 1986
 1,420 Art Malone, 1972
 1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
 1,357 Jim Butler, 1969
 1,337 Ron Smith, 1967

Most Combined Yards, Game

(Rush, Rec, and KOR/PR Ret.)

226 Billy Johnson (53/57/116)
 at NY Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
 223 William Andrews (161/62/0)
 at Miami, Dec. 10, 1983
 219 Gerald Riggs (197/22/0)
 at Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985
 215 Rolland Lawrence (0/0/215)
 at New Orleans, Oct. 10, 1976
 210 Dave Hampton (62/66/82)
 at Detroit (Oct. 1, 1973)
 207 William Andrews (158/49/0)
 Buffalo, Dec. 18, 1983
 207 William Andrews (119/68/0)
 L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982
 202 Gerald Riggs (202/0/0)
 at New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
 200 Lynn Cain (29/110/51)
 at L.A. Raiders, Sept. 14, 1979

Note: Andrews had back-to-back 200-yard games in 1983, then Riggs in the '84 opener for three straight games.

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Career

42.6 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
 42.0 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
 41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
 40.9 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
 40.8 John James, 1972-81

Highest Punting Average, Season (Min. 35)

44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968
 44.03 Rick Donnelly, 1987
 43.86 Rick Donnelly, 1986
 43.69 Billy Lothridge, 1967
 43.63 Rick Donnelly, 1985
 42.80 Scott Fulhage, 1991
 42.77 John James, 1972

Highest Punting Average, Game (Min. 4)

52.1 Rick Donnelly vs. Phil.
 11-10-85 (A)

Most Punts, Career

873 John James, 1972-81
 424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
 303 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
 296 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
 167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84

Most Punts, Season

109 John James, 1978
 105 John James, 1977
 101 John James, 1976
 98 Rick Donnelly, 1988
 96 John James, 1974
 89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game

12 John James vs. Wash.
 12-10-78 (H)
 11 Rick Donnelly vs. Phil.
 10-30-88 (A)

Longest Punt

75 John James vs. Oak.
 11-30-75
 72 John James vs. N.O.
 9-16-73
 71 Rick Donnelly vs. N.Y. Jets
 11-9-86

Most Punts Inside 20, Season

28 John James, 1976
 27 Rick Donnelly, 1988
 26 John James, 1980
 25 John James, 1978
 24 Scott Fulhage, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Career

39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81
 31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
 29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
 28 Scott Case, 1984-
 27 Bobby Butler, 1981-1992
 20 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
 17 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
 17 Deion Sanders, 1989-
 16 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
 13 Ray Easterling, 1972-80
 12 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
 12 Greg Brezina, 1968-79

Most Passes Intercepted, Season

- 10 Scott Case, 1988
- 9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
- 8 Ray Brown, 1974
- 7 Ken Reaves, 1967
- Rolland Lawrence, 1977
- Al Richardson, 1980
- Tom Pridemore, 1981

Most Passes Intercepted, Game

- 2 35 times—Last time, Deion Sanders vs. New England (11-29-92) (H)

Most Consecutive Games Pass Int.

- 4 Ken Reaves (3 games-70, 1-71)

Most Yards Interception Returns, Career

- 658 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 574 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- 439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73
- 429 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 372 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
- 252 Scott Case, 1984-
- 246 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
- 227 Bobby Butler, 1981-1992
- 203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
- 197 Tom Hayes, 197-75
- 186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
- 182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76

Most Yards Interception Returns, Season

- 221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
- 164 Ray Brown, 1974
- 163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
- 153 Ken Reaves, 1967
- 153 Deion Sanders, 1990
- 139 Al Richardson, 1980

Most Yards Interception Returns, Game

- 101 Tom Pridemore vs. S.F.
- 9-20-81 (1 int.) (H)

Most Interceptions For TD's, Career

- 3 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 2 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
- Robert Pennywell, 1977-80
- Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Interceptions For TD's, Season

- 2 Tom Hayes, 1973
- Kenny Johnson, 1983
- Deion Sanders, 1990

Most Interceptions For TD's, Game

- 2 Kenny Johnson vs. GB
- 11-27-83 (26 and 31)

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Most Recoveries, Career

- 13 Greg Brezina (12 yards), 1968-79
- 11 Claude Humphrey (49), 1968-78
- Tommy Nobis (6), 1966-76
- 10 Mike Gann (90), 1985
- Rolland Lawrence (20), 1973-80
- Tom Pridemore (17), 1978-85
- Dori Hansen (14), 1969-75

Most Recoveries, Season

- 5 Greg Brezina, 1969
- Ralph Ortega, 1977
- Frank Reed, 1978
- Jeff Yeates, 1979

Most Recoveries, Game

- 2 Twelve Times, Last by Joel Williams vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988 (H)

Tom Pridemore is only Falcon to have done it twice

Most Yards, Fumble Recoveries, Career

- 154 Jessie Tuggle (7 recoveries), 1987-
- 113 Bob Glazebrook (4), 1978-83
- 111 Joel Williams (8), 1979-89
- 90 Mike Gann (10), 1985-92
- 90 John Mallory (6), 1967-71

Most TD's, Fumble Recoveries, Career

- 4* Jessie Tuggle, 1987
- 2 Mike Gann, 1985
- Joel Williams, 1979-89
- Bobby Butler, 1981-92
- Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
- John Mallory, 1967-71

* NFL Record

Safeties, Career

- 2 Claude Humphrey, 1968-78
- Brian Jordan, 1989-91
- 1 Thirteen Players, last safety by Jordan, Seattle, Dec. 15, 1991

NFL All-Time Records

Where some Falcons stand in the NFL's all-time Record books.

Most Seasons, One Club

- 19 Jim Marshall, Minnesota, 1961-79
- 18 Jeff Van Note, Atlanta, 1969-86
- Jim Hart, St. Louis, 1966-83
- Pat Leahy, Jets, 1974-91

Most Field Goals, 50 or more yards

- 21 Morten Andersen, NO
- 19 Nick Lowery, KC
- 17 Jan Stenerud, KC
- 17 Eddie Murray, Det
- 15 Norm Johnson, ATLANTA

Most Field Goals, 50, Season

- 6 Dean Biasucci, Indy, 1988
- 5 Norm Johnson, 1986
- Fred Steinfurt, 1980
- 4 Norm Johnson, 1992, ATLANTA
- Six others

Most Safeties, Season

- 2 Brian Jordan, ATLANTA, 1991
- Eleven Others in NFL history tie

Most 50 FG's, Game

- 2 Mick Luckhurst, 1982, ATLANTA
- Mick Luckhurst, 1984, ATLANTA
- Paul McFadden, 1989, ATLANTA
- Norm Johnson, 1986
- 20 Others Kickers have tied

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

- 407 James Wilder, Tampa Bay, 1984
- 404 Eric Dickerson, LA Rams, 1986
- 397 Gerald Riggs, ATLANTA, 1985

Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 68 George Blanda, Houston, 1964
- 66 Chris Miller, ATLANTA, 1989

Lowest Int., Percentage, Season

- 0.66 Joe Ferguson, Buffalo (1-151), 1976
- 0.90 Steve DeBerg, KC (4-444), 1990
- 1.16 Steve Bartkowski, ATLANTA (5-432), 1983

Most Times Sacked, Game

- 12 Bert Jones, Baltimore, 1980
- Warren Moon, Houston, 1985
- 11 Bob Berry, ATLANTA, 1968
- Eleven Others tie

Most Receptions, 1st Three Years

- 215 Andre Rison, ATLANTA,
- 212 Sterling Sharpe, Green Bay
- 212 Tom Fears, LA Rams

Most Receptions, 1st Four Years

- 308 Andre Rison, ATLANTA
- 292 Al Toon, Jets

Roger Craig, SF

Longest Interception Return

- 103 Vencie Glenn, San Diego, 1987
- 102 Four Players
- 101 Tom Pridemore, ATLANTA, 1981
- Four Others

Most Touchdowns, Int, Game

- 2 Kenny Johnson, ATLANTA, 1983
- (Tied with 14 others)

Most Punts, Career

- 1,154 Dave Jennings, Giants/Jets
- 1,083 John James, ATLANTA
- 1,072 Jerrel Wilson, KC

Most Punts, Season

- 114 Bob Parsons, Chicago, 1981
- 109 John James, ATLANTA, 1978
- 108 John Teltchick, Philadelphia, 1986

Most Yards, Career Punt Returns

- 3,317 Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, ATLANTA
- 3,008 Rick Upchurch, Denver
- 2,764 J.T. Smith, KC, Cards

Most TD's Career Punt Returns

- 8 Jack Christiansen, Detroit
- Rick Upchurch, Denver
- 6 Billy Johnson, ATLANTA
- 5 Emlen Tunnell, Giants

Most TD's Punt Returns, Season

- 4 Jack Christiansen
- Rick Upchurch
- 3 Billy Johnson, ATLANTA
- Emlen Tunnell
- LeRoy Irvin

Most Kickoff Returns, Career

- 275 Ron Smith, ATLANTA,
- 243 Bruce Harper, Jets

Most Kickoff Returns, Season

- 60 Drew Hill, 1981
- 55 Bruce Harper, David Turner, Stump Mitchell

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

- 9 Noland Smith, KC, Dino Hall, Cleveland, and Paul Palmer, KC
- 8 Erric Pegram, ATLANTA
- (Tied with 16 others)

Most Kickoff Yards, Career

- 6,922 Ron Smith, ATLANTA
- 5,538 Abe Woodson, SF
- 5,407 Bruce Harper, Jets

Most TD's, Opponents Fumble Recoveries, Career

- 4 Jessie Tuggle, ATLANTA
- 3 Tied by 14 Players

Most TD's, Opponents Fumble Recoveries, Season

- 2 Kenny Johnson, ATLANTA, 1981
- Tied with 22 others

Service

Most Seasons Played

- 18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 15 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 12 Bobby Butler (1981-1992)
- 11 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 11 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 10 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
- 10 John James (1972-81)
- 10 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Played

- 246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 220 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 170 Bobby Butler (1981-1992)
- 155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
- 155 Greg Brezina (1968-79)
- 148 John James (1972-81)
- 133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 131 Scott Case (1984-present)
- 127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 1976-78)
- 123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)
- 122 John Rade (1983-1991)
- 110 Mike Gann (1984-present)

Most Games Started

- 225 Jeff Van Note
- 220 Mike Kenn
- 133 Tommy Nobis
- 127 Claude Humphrey
- 126 Bobby Butler

Most Consecutive Games Played

- 155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
- 112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
- 107 Buddy Curry (1980-87)
- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)

Most Consecutive Games Started

- 112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)
- 90 Mike Kenn (1978-Week 2, 1984)
- 86 Jim Mitchell (Week 5, 1971-Week 6, 1977)
- 79 Buddy Curry (1980-Week 6, 1985)
- 78 Tom Pridemore (Week 12, 1979-1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances

- 6 Claude Humphrey (1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
- 6 Jeff Van Note (1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
- 5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
- 5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)
- 4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)
- 4 William Andrews (1980, 81, 82, 83)

Most Consecutive Pro Bowl Appearances

- 5 Claude Humphrey (1970-74)
- 5 Mike Kenn (1980-84)
- 4 William Andrews (1980-83)
- 4 Jeff Van Note (1979-82)
- 4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

Comparison of Domed Stadiums

Facility	Number of Seats
Silverdome, Pontiac	80,500
Georgia Dome, Georgia	71,594
Superdome, New Orleans	69,054
Kingdome, Seattle	64,984
Astrodome, Houston	60,502
Metrodome, Minneapolis	63,000
Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis	60,129
B.C. Place Stadium, Vancouver	60,000
SkyDome, Toronto	60,000
Florida Suncoast Dome, St. Petersburg	50,000

Consecutive Streaks

SCORING

Most Consecutive Games, Scoring

- 68 Mick Luckhurst
(Week 1 - 1981 - through Week 11 - 1985)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring TD

- 4 Jim Mitchell, 1975 (3 receiving, 1 fumble ret.)
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1975 (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1986 (all rushing)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass

- 14 Steve Bartkowski
(Week 7, 1980 - Week 4, 1981)
- 14 Chris Miller
(Week 11, 1991 - Week 8, 1992)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch

- 4 Andre Rison, 1991
- 3 Five Times. Last by Andre Rison, 1990

KICKING

Most Consecutive PAT's

- 134 Mick Luckhurst, 1983-1987

Most Consecutive Games FG Made

- 8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
- 7 Norm Johnson, 1992

Most Consecutive Field Goals

- 17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984-85
- 15 Norm Johnson, 1991

RUSHING

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 3 William Andrews, 1983
- 3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

RECEIVING

Most Consecutive Games With Reception

- 103 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-1983

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

- 4 Andre Rison, 1990 (Sept. 23 11-128, Oct. 7 10-154, Oct. 14 9-172, Oct. 21 5-161)
- 3 Stacey Bailey, 1983 (Oct. 27-106, Oct. 9, 7-109, Oct. 16, 6-106)

PASSING

Most Consecutive Passes Completed

- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs. L.A. Rams
10-7-84
Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston
11-29-81
Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6)
11-9-69 and Chicago (4) 11-16-69
Chris Miller vs. Cowboys
9-17-89

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception

- 197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83
- 185 Chris Miller, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted

- 4 Ken Reaves
(Last 3-1970, Opener-1971)

Back-to-Back TD's

When Sylvester Stamps of the Falcons and Joe Cribbs of the 49ers returned kickoffs for touchdowns back-to-back in 1987, it marked only the third time in NFL history that feat was accomplished. The first was in 1951 (Buddy Young - N.Y. Yankees and Emlen Tunnell - N.Y. Giants), the last was in 1973 (Don Shy - St. Louis and Herb Mulkey - Washington). Falcon assistants in '87, Jim Hanifan and Rod Dowhower, were both St. Louis assistants at that time, meaning they've seen two of the three historical achievements. Stamps return was 97 yards, third longest in Falcon history. Cribbs followed with a 92-yard return.

Greatest Falcon Performances

RUSHING YARDAGE

- 202 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984, 35 attempts
- 197 — Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985, 26 attempts
- 172 — Gerald Riggs vs. Miami, Nov. 30, 1986, 33 attempts
- 167 — William Andrews vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 30 attempts
- 161 — William Andrews vs. Miami, Dec. 10, 1983, 21 attempts
- 161 — Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
- 158 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1985, 39 attempts
- 158 — William Andrews vs. Buffalo, Dec. 17, 1983, 28 attempts (AS)
- 155 — Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, Dec. 30 1990, 21 attempts
- 150 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
- 150 — William Andrews vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 32 attempts
- 145 — Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 35 attempts
- 141 — Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 12, 1986, 35 attempts (AS)
- 139 — Gerald Riggs vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985, 23 attempts
- 136 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Sept. 30, 1984, 28 attempts
- 136 — Gerald Riggs vs. Indianapolis, Dec. 7, 1986, 30 attempts (AS)
- 135 — Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts
- 134 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Nov. 5, 1984, 27 attempts
- 133 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 30 attempts (AS)
- 131 — Gerald Riggs vs. Detroit, Sept. 8, 1985, 31 attempts (AS)
- 131 — William Andrews vs. San Diego, Dec. 2, 1979, 21 attempts
- 129 — Gerald Riggs vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1985, 27 attempts
- 129 — William Andrews vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 20 attempts (AS)
- 129 — Haskel Stanback vs. New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1977, 22 attempts (AS)
- 129 — Gerald Riggs vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 27 attempts
- 127 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985, 22 attempts (AS)
- 127 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Oct. 27, 1985, 24 attempts
- 127 — Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
- 126 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983, 28 attempts
- 125 — William Andrews vs. New England, Oct. 30, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
- 125 — John Settle vs. Denver, Oct. 16, 1988, 25 attempts
- 124 — William Andrews vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 19 attempts
- 123 — Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 17, 1985, 41 attempts (AS)
- 123 — Lynn Cain vs. Minnesota, Sept. 7, 1980, 24 attempts
- 123 — Woody Thompson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977, 24 attempts
- 121 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1979, 24 attempts
- 120 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
- 120 — Gerald Riggs vs. Houston, Sept. 23, 1984, 25 attempts (AS)
- 119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982, 21 attempts (AS)
- 119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981, 21 attempts
- 119 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Dec. 6, 1987, 30 attempts
- 117 — Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts (AS)
- 115 — William Andrews vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
- 115 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 14, 1981, 23 attempts
- 115 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Sept. 18, 1988, 19 attempts
- 115 — John Settle vs. Seattle, Oct. 2, 1988, 21 attempts (AS)
- 115 — Mike Rozier vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 2, 1990, 23 attempts
- 114 — Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
- 113 — Gerald Riggs vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987, 21 attempts
- 112 — Gerald Riggs vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 15, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
- 112 — Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
- 111 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
- 111 — William Andrews vs. Washington, Nov. 30, 1980, 24 attempts (AS)
- 110 — Gerald Riggs vs. Chicago, Nov. 24, 1985, 30 attempts
- 109 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Sept. 21, 1986, 25 attempts
- 108 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1982, 24 attempts
- 108 — Gerald Riggs vs. St. Louis, Sept. 14, 1986, 29 attempts (AS)
- 107 — Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts
- 106 — Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975 26 attempts (AS)

- 105 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 4, 1980, 18 attempts (AS)
- 104 — Bubba Bean vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts
- 104 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 27 attempts
- 104 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1991, 10 attempts
- 103 — Art Malone vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts (AS)
- 102 — Lynn Cain vs. Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980, 21 attempts (AS)
- 102 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988, 10 attempts (AS)
- 102 — Mike Rozier vs. Rams, Dec. 23, 1990, 21 attempts
- 101 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980, 18 attempts
- 101 — William Andrews vs. Houston, Nov. 19, 1981, 25 attempts
- 101 — Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)
- 101 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. San Diego, Sept. 15, 1991, 20 attempts
- 100 — Sonny Collins vs. Seattle, Nov. 7, 1976, 17 attempts
- 100 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 28, 1980, 21 attempts

RECEIVING YARDAGE

- 193 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 11 receptions (AS)
- 190 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 6 receptions (AS)
- 190 — Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
- 190 — Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
- 187 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991, 6 receptions
- 179 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1981, 5 receptions
- 177 — ANDRE RISON vs. Chicago, Sept. 27, 1992 10 receptions
- 172 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990, 9 receptions (AS)
- 169 — Stacey Bailey vs. Dallas, Sept. 25, 1988, 4 receptions
- 161 — ANDRE RISON vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 21, 1990, 5 receptions
- 159 — Stacey Bailey vs. Washington, Dec. 4, 1983, 9 receptions
- 158 — Stacey Bailey vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 7 receptions
- 154 — ANDRE RISON vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 10 receptions (AS)
- 153 — Billy Johnson vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985, 11 receptions (AS)
- 153 — Wallace Francis vs. New York Giants, Oct. 1, 1978, 7 receptions
- 152 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 7 receptions
- 148 — Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
- 148 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Dallas, Dec. 22, 1991, 5 receptions
- 147 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)
- 146 — Floyd Dixon vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986, 8 receptions (AS)
- 144 — Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
- 143 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
- 140 — Stacey Bailey vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1984, 8 receptions (AS)
- 138 — Wallace Francis vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 8 receptions (AS)
- 136 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Raiders, Dec. 1, 1985, 6 receptions (AS)
- 136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Cleveland, Sept. 27, 1981, 6 receptions
- 136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
- 134 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 8, 1981, 7 receptions
- 129 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 5 receptions (AS)
- 128 — George Thomas vs. Minnesota, Sept. 8, 1991, 7 receptions (AS)
- 128 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 11 receptions
- 126 — Shawn Collins vs. Green Bay, Oct. 1, 1989, 5 receptions
- 124 — ANDRE RISON vs. Green Bay, Dec. 1, 1991, 8 receptions (AS)
- 124 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 6 receptions
- 123 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 5 receptions
- 122 — Alfred Jenkins vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
- 120 — Wes Chesson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
- 120 — Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
- 119 — Charlie Brown vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 7 receptions
- 117 — Junior Miller vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 8 receptions
- 115 — Aubrey Matthews vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987, 7 receptions (AS)
- 113 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 4 receptions
- 113 — Michael Haynes vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 13, 1992, 5 receptions.
- 113 — Paul Flatley vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions
- 112 — Charlie Brown vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 6 receptions (AS)
- 112 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 8, 1991, 6 receptions (AS)
- 110 — Billy Johnson vs. Denver, Sept. 22, 1985, 7 receptions (AS)

- 110 — Paul Gibson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions (AS)
- 110 — Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, Oct. 24, 1979, 6 receptions
- 110 — Charlie Brown vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 7 receptions
- 110 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 27, 1991, 4 receptions (AS)
- 109 — Stacey Bailey vs. New Orleans, Oct. 9, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
- 109 — Milton Barney vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 6 receptions (AS)
- 109 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)
- 108 — Wallace Francis vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 9, 1979, 10 receptions (AS)
- 108 — Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1978, 8 receptions
- 108 — Arthur Cox vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 4 receptions (AS)
- 107 — DREW HILL vs. Rams, Dec. 27, 1992, 8 receptions
- 106 — Stacey Bailey vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
- 106 — Stacey Bailey vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 16, 1983, 6 receptions
- 106 — William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982, 3 receptions
- 106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions
- 106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 receptions (AS)
- 106 — John Settle vs. San Diego, Nov. 13, 1988, 10 receptions (AS)
- 105 — Floyd Dixon vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 5 receptions (AS)
- 105 — Alfred Jenkins vs. N.Y. Giants, Nov. 11, 1979, 6 receptions
- 105 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)
- 105 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1991, 2 receptions
- 105 — MIKE PRITCHARD vs. Dallas, Dec. 21, 1992, 9 receptions (GD)
- 102 — Stacey Bailey vs. Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984, 4 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 28, 1976, 5 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978, 5 receptions
- 101 — Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions
- 101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Green Bay, Dec. 12, 1976, 6 receptions (AS)
- 101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981, 4 receptions
- 101 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Dallas, Dec. 21, 1992, 5 receptions (GD)
- 100 — ANDRE RISON vs. Cleveland, Dec. 16, 1990, 6 receptions
- 100 — ANDRE RISON vs. Miami, Oct. 11, 1992, 7 receptions

PASSING YARDAGE

- 416 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 15, 1981, 33 of 50 (AS)
- 378 — Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 31 of 47
- 375 — Steve Bartkowski vs. L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982, 36 of 54 (AS)
- 374 — Wade Wilson vs. Rams, Dec. 27, 1992, 31 of 47
- 372 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 18 of 25
- 366 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 24 of 34
- 366 — CHRIS MILLER vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 23 of 44 (AS)
- 351 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Chicago, Sept. 27, 1992, 30 of 48
- 350 — Dave Archer vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 21 of 36 (AS)
- 342 — Wade Wilson vs. Dallas, Dec. 21, 1992, 30 of 41 (GD)
- 340 — CHRIS MILLER vs. LA Rams, Oct. 8, 1989, 28 of 39
- 337 — CHRIS MILLER vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 25 of 41
- 335 — Erik Kramer vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 27 of 46 (AS)
- 334 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989, 37 of 66 (AS)
- 332 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 18 of 36 (AS)
- 326 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 20 of 29 (AS)
- 325 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Dallas, Dec. 22, 1991, 19 of 39
- 324 — Wade Wilson vs. Buccaneers, Dec. 13, 1992, 19 of 26
- 313 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983, 25 of 36
- 312 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 22 of 38
- 311 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Giants, Oct. 25, 1981, 24 of 48 (AS)
- 310 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 17 of 35
- 309 — Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23
- 305 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)
- 303 — Mike Moroski vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 22 of 35 (AS)
- 302 — Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
- 301 — Bob Berry vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
- 301 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983, 28 of 39 (AS)
- 300 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Minnesota, Sept. 8, 1991, 27 of 41 (AS)

Longest Falcon Plays

Long Runs From Scrimmage (50 yards or more)

- 67—Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
- 166—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 65—Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
- 62—John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988 (AS)
- 160—Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
- t60—Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
- 57—Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
- 56—Dave Hampton vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
- t55—Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 50—Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985
- 150—STEVE BROUSSARD vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)

Long Pass Completions (75 yards or more)

- t89—CHRIS MILLER to MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Sept. 13, 1992
- t88—Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- t86—Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
- 84—Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
- t82—Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
- t81—Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
- t80—CHRIS MILLER to MICHAEL HAYNES vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991
- t76—Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
- t75—Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
- t75—CHRIS MILLER to ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (AS)
- t75—BILLY JOE TOLLIVER to MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1991

Long Punts (65 yards or more)

- 75—John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 72—John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- 71—Rick Donnelly vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986
- 70—Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
- 68—Rick Donnelly vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (AS)
- 68—Rick Donnelly vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986 (AS)
- 67—John James vs. New Orleans, Oct. 31, 1976 (AS)
- 65—Rick Donnelly vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1986 (AS)
- 65—SCOTT FULHAGE vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989

Long Field Goals (50 yards or more)

- 54—NORM JOHNSON vs. NY Jets, Sept. 6, 1992 (GD)
- 54—NORM JOHNSON vs. New England, Nov. 29, 1992 (GD)
- 54—Paul McFadden vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
- 53—Greg Davis vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1990 (AS)
- 52—NORM JOHNSON vs. Miami, Oct. 11, 1992
- 52—Greg Davis vs. Green Bay, Nov. 6, 1988 (AS)
- 52—Mick Luckhurst vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985
- 52—Mick Luckhurst vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
- 52—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
- 51—NORM JOHNSON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 18, 1992
- 51—Mick Luckhurst vs. Detroit, Sept. 9, 1984 (AS)
- 51—Mick Luckhurst vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982 (Twice)
- 50—Paul McFadden vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
- 50—Mick Luckhurst vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 13, 1987
- 50—Mick Luckhurst vs. Detroit, Dec. 27, 1987 (AS)
- 50—Mick Luckhurst vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
- 50—Tim Mazzetti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 2, 1980
- 50—NORM JOHNSON vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991

Long Interception Returns (60 yards or more)

- t101—Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981

190—Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 20, 1968
 187—Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
 182—DEION SANDERS vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990 (AS)
 181—Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
 177—Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
 173—Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
 172—Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
 165—Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
 162—Bob Riggie vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966
 161—DEION SANDERS vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)

Long Punt Returns (50 yards or more)

179—DEION SANDERS vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)
 177—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
 175—John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
 172—Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
 171—Billy Johnson vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
 71—Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982 (AS)
 168—DEION SANDERS vs. LA Rams, Sept. 10, 1989 (AS)
 60—Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
 68—Lew Barnes vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 30, 1988
 57—Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
 57—Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
 56—Kenneth Johnson vs. Chicago, Sept. 23, 1980 (AS)

Long Kickoff Returns (50 yards or more)

1100—DEION SANDERS vs. San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1991
 1100—Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
 199—DEION SANDERS vs. Washington, Sept. 13, 1992
 199—Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
 197—Sylvester Stamps vs. San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1987
 194—Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985 (AS)
 82—Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
 80—Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
 176—KEITH JONES vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
 74—Sylvester Stamps vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987
 173—DEION SANDERS vs. Buffalo, Nov. 22, 1992
 72—DEION SANDERS vs. New Orleans, Oct. 29, 1989
 71—Joe McIntosh vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987 (AS)
 66—Larry Emery vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987 (AS)
 61—Jim Butler vs. Washington, Nov. 23, 1969
 60—DEION SANDERS vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989
 60—DEION SANDERS vs. New Orleans, Dec. 8, 1992
 60—TONY SMITH vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 1, 1992 (GD)
 59—Gerald Tinker vs. San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1974 (AS)
 58—Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971
 55—DEION SANDERS vs. Chicago, Sept. 27, 1992
 50—Sylvester Stamps vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 28, 1984
 50—DEION SANDERS vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 23, 1990 (AS)
 50—DEION SANDERS vs. New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1992

Long Fumble Returns (50 yards or more)

191—Bob Glazebrook vs. New York Giants, Sept. 12, 1982
 175—Oliver Barnett vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 17, 1991 (AS)
 174—Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
 169—JESSIE TUGGLE vs. New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1992
 165—James Britt vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1986
 165—JESSIE TUGGLE vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990 (AS)
 164—Blaine Gaison vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983 (AS)
 160—Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
 157—Joel Williams vs. Green Bay, Sept. 13, 1981
 150—Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

Year-by-Year Leaders

SCORING

Year	Player	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kirouac	0	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	0	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	0	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	0	33	33	15	30	78
1970	Kenny Vinyard	0	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	0	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	0	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	34	34	26	38	112
1974	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	30	33	4	10	42
1976	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	19	19	10	21	49
1977	Haskel Stanback	6	00	00	00	00	36
1978	Tim Mazzetti	0	18	18	13	16	57
1979	Tim Mazzetti	0	31	37	13	25	70
1980	Tim Mazzetti	0	45	49	19	27	102
1981	Mick Luckhurst	0	51	51	21	33	114
1982	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	22	10	14	51
1983	Mick Luckhurst	0	43	45	17	22	94
1984	Mick Luckhurst	0	31	31	20	27	91
1985	Mick Luckhurst	0	29	29	24	31	101
1986	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	21	14	24	63
1987	Mick Luckhurst	0	17	17	9	13	44
1988	Greg Davis	0	25	27	19	30	82
1989	Paul McFadden	0	18	18	15	20	63
1990	Greg Davis	0	40	40	22	33	106
1991	Norm Johnson	0	38	39	19	23	95
1992	Norm Johnson	0	39	39	18	22	93

PASSING

(minimum - 100 ATT)

Year	Player	ATT.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	169	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	16	13
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2,005	11	16
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2,158	13	12
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1,786	10	8
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3	852	3	14
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1	1,662	13	15
1976	Steve Bartkowski	120	57	47.5	677	2	9
1977	Scott Hunter	151	70	46.4	898	2	3
1978	Steve Bartkowski	369	187	50.7	2,489	10	18
1979	Steve Bartkowski	379	203	53.6	2,502	17	20
1980	Steve Bartkowski	463	257	55.5	3,544	31	16

1981	Steve Bartkowski	533	297	55.7	3,830	30	23
1982	Steve Bartkowski	262	166	63.4	1,905	8	11
1983	Steve Bartkowski	432	274	63.4	3,167	22	5
1984	Steve Bartkowski	269	181	67.3	2,158	11	10
1985	Dave Archer	312	161	51.6	1,992	7	17
1986	Dave Archer	294	150	51.0	2,007	10	9
1987	Scott Campbell	260	136	52.3	1,728	11	14
1988	Chris Miller	351	184	52.4	2,133	11	12
1989	Chris Miller	526	280	53.2	3,459	16	10
1990	Chris Miller	388	222	57.2	2,735	17	14
1991	Chris Miller	413	220	53.3	3,103	26	18
1992	Chris Miller	253	152	60.1	1,739	15	6

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	201	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	601	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	561	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1,002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1,023	4.3	23	2
1980	William Andrews	265	1,308	4.9	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1,301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	191	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1,567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	353	1,486	4.2	57	13
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	1,719	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1,327	3.9	31	9
1987	Gerald Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2
1988	John Settle	232	1,024	4.4	62	7
1989	John Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3
1990	Mike Rozier	153	675	4.4	67	4
1991	Steve Broussard	99	449	4.5	36	4
1992	Steve Broussard	84	363	4.3	27	1

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
	Ken Burrow	33	741	22.5	84	6

1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
	Ken Burrow	31	567	18.3	57	7
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4
1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1,013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1,025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
	Alfred Jenkins	70	1,358	19.4	67	13
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
	Stacey Bailey	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1,138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51t	5
1988	John Settle	68	570	8.4	27	1
1989	Shawn Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Andre Rison	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10
1991	Andre Rison	81	976	12.0	39t	12
	Michael Haynes	50	1,122	22.4	80t	11
1992	Andre Rison	93	1,121	12.1	71t	11

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	221	31.6	101t	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0

1987	Bobby Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0
1988	Scott Case	10	47	4.7	12	0
1989	Deion Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Deion Sanders	3	153	51.0	611	2
(5 players each had three interceptions)						
1991	Deion Sanders	6	119	19.8	551	1
	Tim McKyer	6	24	4.0	24	0
1992	Deion Sanders	3	105	35.0	55	0

PUNTING

(minimum - 16 punts)

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	Blkd.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2,968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3,801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3,324	44.3	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2,846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2,944	38.7	59	0
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1,639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2,609	42.8	59	0
1973	John James	63	2,682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3,891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3,696	41.5	75	0
1976	John James	101	4,253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4,349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	109	4,227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3,269	39.7	62	1
1980	John James	79	3,088	39.1	59	0
1981	John James	87	3,543	40.7	62	0
1982	George Roberts	17	690	40.6	54	0
1983	Ralph Giacommaro	70	2,823	40.3	57	1
1984	Ralph Giacommaro	68	2,855	42.0	58	2
1985	Rick Donnelly	59	2,574	43.6	68	0
1986	Rick Donnelly	78	3,421	43.9	71	1
1987	Rick Donnelly	61	2,686	44.0	62	0
1988	Rick Donnelly	98	3,920	40.0	61	0
1989	Scott Fulhage	84	3,472	41.3	65	1
1990	Scott Fulhage	70	2,913	41.6	59	0
1991	Scott Fulhage	81	3,470	42.8	60	0
1992	Scott Fulhage	68	2,818	41.4	56	3

PUNT RETURNS

(minimum - 10 returns)

Year	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	751	1
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4	32	0
1972	Willie Belton	17	110	6.5	34	0
1973	Ray Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0

1974	Al Dodd	27	344	12.7	57	0
1975	Mack Herron	10	94	9.4	24	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	54	376	7.0	24	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	51	352	6.9	37	0
1978	Billy Ryckman	28	227	8.1	38	0
1979	Dennis Pearson	12	115	9.6	60	0
1980	Kenny Johnson	23	281	12.2	56	0
1981	Scott Woerner	33	278	8.4	38	0
1982	Billy Johnson	24	273	11.4	71	0
1983	Billy Johnson	46	489	10.6	71t	1
1984	Billy Johnson	15	152	10.1	37	0
1985	Anthony Allen	21	141	6.7	19	0
1986	Floyd Dixon	26	151	5.8	16	0
1987	Billy Johnson	21	168	8.0	45	0
1988	Lew Barnes	34	307	9.0	68	0
1989	Deion Sanders	28	307	11.0	68t	1
1990	Deion Sanders	29	250	8.6	79t	1
1991	Deion Sanders	21	170	8.1	23	0
1992	Tony Smith	16	155	9.7	45	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

(minimum - 10 returns)

Year	Player	No	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1,013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	99t	1
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3	59	0
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6	33	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977	Karl Farmer	23	466	20.3	30	0
1978	Dennis Pearson	25	662	26.7	100t	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
1980	Reggie Smith	25	512	20.5	35	0
1981	Reggie Smith	47	1,143	24.3	52	0
1982	Reggie Brown	24	466	19.4	33	0
1983	Kenny Johnson	11	224	20.4	28	0
1984	Sylvester Stamps	19	452	23.8	50	0
1985	Cliff Austin	39	838	21.5	94t	1
1986	Sylvester Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0
1987	Sylvester Stamps	24	660	27.5	97t	1
1988	Evan Cooper	16	331	20.7	28	0
1989	Deion Sanders	35	725	20.7	72	0
1990	Deion Sanders	39	851	21.8	50	0
1991	Deion Sanders	26	576	22.2	100t	1
1992	Deion Sanders	40	1,067	26.7	99t	2

Falcons in Overtime

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1991: **Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20** — Norm Johnson's 50-yard FG with 2:37 remaining sealed victory.

1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** — Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expires set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 — Sylvester Stamps races 39 yards with an Archer pass to tie the game with 1:27 remaining. Neither team is able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.

1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** — Mick Quick catches 99-yard TD from Ron Jaworski.

1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** — Eddie Murray kicks 48-yard field goal after Lions win toss.

1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** — Kenny Johnson intercepts Lynn Dickey and returns pass 31 yards for winning score.

New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13 — Ali Haji-Sheikh kicks 30-yard field goal.

1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** — Joe Danelo kicks 40-yard field goal after Falcons fumble on first play of second possession.

1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** — Ray Strong rambles 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.

Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17 — Frank Carrol kicks 23-yard field goal after Bartkowski fumbles on sack.

1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** — James Mayberry catches desperation pass by Saints, punter Russell Erxleben who had chased errant snap into end zone.

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 — Jim Turner kicks 24-yard field goal after Tim Mazzetti misses 31-yarder with :22 in regulation.

1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** — George Blanda kicks 36-yard field goal with just :02 left in overtime.

OVERTIME GAMES

In 1974 overtime was voted in by the NFL owners. The rules call for a coin toss called by the visiting team, and a three-minute intermission. One 15-minute period is the maximum for regular season time with two time outs allotted each team.

Falcons Honors

Falcon Player of the Year

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
 1967 Junior Coffey, RB
 1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
 1969 Jim Butler, RB
 1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
 1971 Don Hansen, LB
 1972 Dave Hampton, RB
 1973 Bob Lee, QB
 1974 Ray Brown, S
 1975 Dave Hampton, RB
 1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
 1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
 1978 Greg Brezina, LB
 1979 Wallace Francis, WR
 1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
 1981 William Andrews, RB
 1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
 1983 William Andrews, RB
 1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
 1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
 1986 Bill Fralic, OG
 1987 Bill Fralic, OG
 1988 John Settle, RB
 1989 Chris Miller, QB
 1990 Andre Rison, WR
 1991 Deion Sanders, CB
 1992 Deion Sanders, CB/KR

All-Pro

1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (AP, 1st team)
 1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
 1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, NEA, Football Digest, PFWA, 1st teams)
 1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, PFWA, Football News, Computer Kickoff, 1st teams)
 Nick Mick-Mayer, K (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
 Mike Tilleman, DT (National Star News Service, 1st team)
 1974 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
 Rolland Lawrence, DB (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
 1980 Mike Kenn, OT (AP, PFWA, NEA, 1st

teams)

1981 Alfred Jenkins, WR (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
 1982 R.C. Thielemann, OG (AP, CPFNW, 1st team)
 Mike Kenn, OT (CPFNW, 1st team; AP, NEA, 2nd team)
 William Andrews, RB (AP, 2nd team)
 Jeff Van Note, C (AP, 2nd team)
 Joel Williams, LB (AP, 2nd team)
 1983 William Andrews, RB (NEA, TSN, Football Digest 1st teams; CPFNW, 2nd team) Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, TSN, CPFNW, PFWA, Football Digest 1st teams; AP, 2nd team) Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; AP, CPFNW, 2nd teams)
 1986 Bill Fralic, G (AP, NEA, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News, 1st team)
 1987 Bill Fralic (AP, NEA, PFWA, Sporting News, 1st team) Sylvester Stamps, KR (Sporting News)
 1988 Bill Fralic (Coll. & Pro FB Newsweekly, 1st team; AP, 2nd team) Scott Case (AP, 2nd team) John Settle (Sports Illustrated)
 1989 Tony Casillas (AP, 2nd team) Bill Fralic (AP, 2nd team)
 1990 Andre Rison (AP, 1st team)
 1991 Mike Kenn (AP, 1st team) Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team) Deion Sanders (AP, 2nd team) Jessie Tuggle (SI)
 1992 Deion Sanders (AP, 1st team, returner)
 (AP, 2nd team, CB)
 Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team)

All-NFC

1970 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
 1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team) Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Football Digest, Football News, 1st teams) John James, P (Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, 1st teams) Dennis Havig, OG (UPI, Football Digest, 1st team)
 1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)

George Kunz, OT (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams) Nick Mike-Mayer, K (TSN, Pro Football Weekly, AP, 1st teams)

1977 John James, P (TSN, 1st team) Roland Lawrence, DB (UPI, 1st team)

1980 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team) Jeff Van Note, C (UPI, 1st team)

1981 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)

1982 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team) R.C. Thieleman, OG (UPI, 1st team) William Andrews, RB (UPI, 1st team)

1983 Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; UPI 2nd team) Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team) R.C. Thieleman, G (UPI, 2nd team)

1984 Mike Kenn, T (UPI, 2nd team) Gerald Riggs, RB (UPI, 2nd team)

1986 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st team) Rick Bryan, DE (UPI, 2nd team)

1987 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, PFWA, 1st team) Rick Donnelly, P (UPI, 2nd team)

1988 Rick Donnelly (UPI, 2nd team) Scott Case (UPI, 1st team) Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)

1989 Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team) Tony Casillas (UPI, 2nd team)

1990 Andre Rison (UPI, 1st team)

1991 Mike Kenn (UPI) Jessie Tuggle (UPI) Deion Sanders (UPI)

Pro Bowl

(following listed season)

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB

1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (2)

1968 Tommy Nobis, LB (3)

1969 Jim Butler, RB

Bob Berry, QB

Greg Brezina, LB

Bob Etter, K

George Kunz, OT

Jim Mitchell, TE

Ken Reaves, DB

1970 Claude Humphrey, DE

George Kunz, OT (2)

Tommy Nobis, LB (4)

1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (2)

1972 Tommy Nobis, LB (5)

Jim Mitchell, TE (2)

Claude Humphrey, DE (3)

1973 John Zook, DE

Nick Mick-Mayer, K

George Kunz, OT (3)

Claude Humphrey, DE (4)

1974 Jeff Van Note, C

Claude Humphrey, DE (5)

1975 Jeff Van Note, C (2)

John James, P

1976 John James, P (2)

1977 John James, P (3)

Claude Humphrey, DE (6)

Roland Lawrence, DB

1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)

1980 Mike Kenn, OT

Steve Bartkowski, QB

Jeff Van Note, C (4)

Alfred Jenkins, WR

William Andrews, RB

Junior Miller, TE

1981 Mike Kenn, OT (2)

Steve Bartkowski, QB (2)

Jeff Van Note, C (5)

Alfred Jenkins, WR (2)

William Andrews, RB (2)

Junior Miller, TE (2)

R.C. Thieleman, OG

1982 Mike Kenn, OT (3)

R.C. Thieleman, OG (2)

Jeff Van Note, C (6)

William Andrews, RB (3)

1983 William Andrews, RB (4)

Billy Johnson, PR

Mike Kenn, T (4)

R.C. Thieleman, OG (3)

1984 Mike Kenn, T (5)

1985 Gerald Riggs, RB

1986 Bill Fralic, G

Gerald Riggs, RB (2)

1987 Bill Fralic, G (2)

Gerald Riggs, RB (3)

1988 Bill Fralic, G (3) *

Scott Case, CB

John Settle, RB

1989 Bill Fralic, G (4)

(All NFL Team of 80's)

Bill Fralic (2nd team)

1990 Andre Rison, WR

1991 Andre Rison, WR (2)

Deion Sanders, CB

Chris Miller, QB

Chris Hinton, RT (7)

1992 Andre Rison, WR (3)

Deion Sanders, CB (2)

Jessie Tuggle, LB

Elbert Shelley, ST

* Did not participate due to injury.

Regular Season Attendance

Year	Home Avg.	Road Avg.	Total Avg.
1966	52,017	49,292	50,654
1967	46,977	53,082	50,030
1968	42,501	48,985	45,743
1969	47,832	51,723	49,777
1970	51,854	57,381	54,617
1971	54,589	59,866	57,228
1972	51,974	60,033	56,004
1973	49,656	57,038	53,347
1974	37,858	55,397	46,627
1975	40,723	50,183	45,453
1976	37,874	47,831	42,853
1977	50,060	44,157	47,108
1978	54,366	46,072	50,219
1979	60,957	54,391	52,674
1980	55,182	56,444	55,813
1981	52,410	61,799	57,104
1982	43,530	62,409	51,920
1983	41,670	55,718	48,694
1984	39,044	51,523	43,283
1985	34,017	51,571	42,794
1986	48,740	54,392	51,566
1987	23,727	42,928	35,549
1988	33,477	51,336	41,406
1989	40,069	52,768	46,418
1990	49,357	54,692	52,024
1991	50,366	54,200	52,496
1992	63,566	59,400	61,714

Totals: 46,089 53,504 49,745

Top Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
67,404	San Francisco	11-9-92	3-41
67,328	New Orleans	9-20-92	7-10
67,036	Dallas	12-21-92	17-41

Top Road Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
83,437	New Orleans	11-26-67	24-27
80,004	Buffalo	11-22-92	14-41
78,283	Cleveland	9-27-81	17-28
77,042	New Orleans	9-20-70	14-3
76,825	Cleveland	10-31-71	31-14
75,954	New Orleans	12-19-71	24-20
75,287	Denver	10-16-88	14-30

Year-by-Year Home and Away

Year	Home	Away	Overall	Year	Home	Away	Overall
1966	1-6	2-5	3-11	1980	6-2	6-2	12-4
1967	1-5-1	0-7	1-12-1	1981	4-4	3-5	7-9
1968	1-6	1-6	2-12	1982	2-3	3-1	5-4
1969	4-3	2-5	6-8	1983	4-4	3-5	7-9
1970	3-4	1-4-2	4-8-2	1984	2-6	2-6	4-12
1971	4-3	3-3-1	7-6-1	1985	3-5	1-7	4-12
1972	4-3	3-4	7-7	1986	2-5-1	5-3	7-8-1
1973	4-3	5-2	9-5	1987	2-6	1-6	3-12
1974	2-5	1-6	3-11	1988	2-6	3-5	5-11
1975	3-4	1-6	4-10	1989	3-5	0-8	3-13
1976	3-4	1-6	4-10	1990	5-3	0-8	5-11
1977	4-3	3-4	7-7	1991	6-2	4-4	10-6
1978	7-1	2-6	9-7	1992	5-3	1-7	6-10
1979	3-5	3-5	6-10				

(Falcons are 2-4 in playoffs, 1-1 at home and -3 on the road)

Totals: 90-109-2 60-136-3 150-245-5

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1992)

- A -

Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland	1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois	1968-71
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific	1976
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C.nooga	1975-78
Allen, Anthony (WR), Washington	1985-86
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M	1969-72
Anderson, Anthony (RB), Temple	1980
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn	1979-83, 86
Archer, Dave (QB), Iowa St.	1984-87
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech	1968
Austin, Cliff (RB), Clemson	1984-86

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Badanek, Rick (RB), Maryland	1987-88
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas	1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), San Jose St.	1982-90
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina	1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67
Barnes, Lew (WR, KR), Oregon	1988
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific	1987
Barnett, Oliver (DT), Kentucky	1990-92
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California	1975-85
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M	1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming	1973-75
Beckman, Brad (TE), Nebraska-Omaha	1989
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas	1971-72
Bell, Kerwin (QB), Florida	1988
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St.	1971-72
Benish, Dan (DT), Clemson	1983-86
Benson, Cliff (TE), Purdue	1984-85
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline	1972-73
Benson, Thomas (LB), Oklahoma	1984-85
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon	1968-72
Bingham, Guy (C-G), Montana	1989-91
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech	1967
Bosley, Bruce (G), W Virginia	1969
Bowick, Tony (NT), UT/Chattanooga	1989
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech	1967
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St.	1971
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa	1969-70
Brett, Walt (G), Montana	1976
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston	1968-69, 71-73
Britt, James (DB), LSU	1983-87
Brooks, Jonathan (LB), Clemson	1980
Broussard, Steve (RB), Washington St.	1990-92
Brown, Aaron (LB), Ohio State	1986-87
Brown, Charlie (WR), SC State	1985-87
Brown, Clay (TE), Brigham Young	1982
Brown, Greg (DE), Kansas State	1987-88
Brown, Ray (S), W Texas State	1971-78
Brown, Reggie (LB), Oregon	1982
Bruce, Aundray (LB), Auburn	1988-91
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970

Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma	1984-92
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen	1969
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky	1978-83
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St.	1966
Burley, Gary (DT), Pittsburgh	1984
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St.	1971-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn	1968
Butler, Bobby (CB), FSU	1981-92
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-80

- C -

Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado	1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC	1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1966-68
Camp, Reggie (DE), California	1988
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue	1986-90
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma	1984-92
Cash, Rick (DE), NE Missouri	1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma	1986-90
Cason, Wendell (DB), Oregon	1986-87
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-El Paso	1970
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern	1968
Chaffey, Pat (RB), Oregon St.	1991
Chapman, Mike (G), Texas	1984
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St.	1974
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke	1971-73
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska	1966
Clark, Bret (S), Nebraska	1986-88
Clayton, Stan (TIG), Penn State	1988-89
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington	1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St.	1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC	1966
Collins, Shawn (WR), N Arizona	1989-91
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky	1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72
Conner, Darion (LB), Jackson State	1990-92
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67
Cooper, Evan (DB), Michigan	1988-89
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio	1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St.	1968
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St.	1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut	1986-88
Cotrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70
Cotton, Marcus (LB), USC	1988-89
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex Southern	1983-87
Croudp, David (DB), San Diego State	1985-88
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex Southern	1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA	1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina	1980-87

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Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St.	1968
Daluso, Brad (K), UCLA	1991

Davis, Brad (RB), LSU	1975
Davis, Greg (K), Citadel	1987-90
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina	1981-82
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech	1979-81
Dils, Steve (QB), Stanford	1988
Dimry, Charles (DB), UNLV	1988-90
Dixon/ Floyd (WR), Stephen F Austin	1986-91
Dixon, Rich (LB), California	1983
Dodd, Al (WR), NW Louisiana St.	1973-74
Donaldson, Jeff (S), Colorado	1991
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming	1985-88
Donohoe, Mike (TE), San Francisco	1968, 1970-71
Dufour, Dan (C/G), UCLA	1983-84
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St.	1968
Dukes, Jamie (G), Florida State	1986-92
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke	1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi	1966-68

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East, Ron (DT), Montana St.	1976
Eastering, Ray (S), Richmond	1972-79
Eaton, Tracey (S), Portland St.	1991
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa	1968
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St.	1975-78
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame	1972-74
Emery, Larry (RB), Wisconsin	1987
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota	1969-71
Epps, Tory (NT), Memphis State	1990-92
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College	1976-79
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia	1968-69
Everett, Major (RB), Mississippi College	1987

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Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh	1976-77
Faumuina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St.	1977-81
Favre, Brett (QB), So Miss	1991
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC	1969
Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M	1977-80
Fishback, Joe (S), Carson-Newman	1991-92
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State	1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern	1968-69
Flowers, Kenny (RB), Clemson	1987, 1989
Fortin, Roman (G), San Diego State	1992
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-Ohio	1980
Fralic, Bill (G/T), Pittsburgh	1985-92
Francis, Wallace (WR), Arkansas AM&N	1975-81
Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I	1978
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St.	1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert	1972-75
Frye, David (LB), Purdue	1983-85
Fulhage, Scott (P), Kansas St.	1989-91

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Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii	1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N Carolina	1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame	1985-92
Gardner, Moe (NT), Illinois	1991-

Gia Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue	1968
George, Steve (DT), Houston	1976
Geredine, Thomas (WR), NE Missouri St.	1973-74
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St.	1972
Giacomarro, Ralph (P), Penn State	1983-85
Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida	1978-79
Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St.	1976
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston	1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee	1966
Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St.	1978-83
Goff, Willard (DT), W Texas St.	1985
Goldberg, Bill (NT), Georgia	1992
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St.	1968
Gordon, Tim (S), Tulsa	1987-90
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St.	1972-76
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse	1986-92
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina	1985
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado	1966-68

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Haji-Sheikh, Ali (K), Michigan	1986
Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington	1970
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming	1972-75
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois	1969-75
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus, Adolphus	1967
Harper, John (LB), So Illinois	1983
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado	1968
Harris, Roy (DT), Florida	1984-85
Harrison, Dennis (DE), Vanderbilt	1986-87
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke	1971
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina	1966-67
Haworth, Steve (DB), Oklahoma	1983-84
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado	1972-75
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St.	1971-75
Haynes, Michael (WR), N Arizona	1988-92
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado	1966-68
Heller, Ron (TE), Oregon St.	1989
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas	1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St.	1975
Hester, Jessie (WR), FSU	1988
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico	1970
Higdon, Alex (TE), Ohio State	1988
Hill, Drew (WR), Georgia Tech	1992
Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St.	1975
Hinson, Billy (G), Florida	1986
Hinton, Chris (T), Northwestern	1990-92
Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah	1982-84
Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton	1984-85
Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake	1974
Hoover, Houston (T), Jackson State	1988-92
Howe, Glen (T), So Mississippi	1985-86
Howell, Pat (G), USC	1979-83
Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona	1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St.	1967-69
Humphrey, Claude (DE), Tennessee St.	1968-74, 76-78
Hunter, John (T), BYU	1989-91
Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama	1976-78

Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky 1966

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Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas 1978-84
 Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke 1978
 Jackson, Jeff (LB), Auburn 1984-85
 Jackson, Larron (G), Missouri 1975-76
 Jackson Robert (LB), Texas A&M 1982
 James, John (P), Florida 1972-81
 Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota 1972
 Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown 1975-83
 Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St. 1971-72
 Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St. 1966
 Johnson, Billy (WR), Widener 1982-87
 Johnson, Kenny (DB), Mississippi St. 1980-86
 Johnson, Norm (K) UCLA 1991-
 Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I 1966-70
 Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska 1966
 Johnson, Tracy (RB), Clemson 1990-91
 Johnson, Undra (RB), W Virginia 1989
 Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St. 1969
 Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union 1975-76
 Jones, Earl (DB), Norfolk St. 1980-83
 Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green 1966
 Jones, Joey (WR), Alabama 1986
 Jones, June (QB), Portland St. 1977-79
 Jones, Keith (RB), Illinois 1989-92
 Jones, Tony (WR), Texas 1992
 Jordan, Brian (S), Richmond 1989-91

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado 1977
 Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida 1974-75
 Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan 1978-92
 Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona 1985-87
 Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St. 1976
 Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College 1966-67
 Knight, Leander (CB), Montclair St. 1988
 Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State 1966
 Komlo, Jeff (QB), Delaware 1982
 Kramer, Erik (QB), N Carolina St. 1987
 Kraynak, Rich (LB), Pittsburgh 1987
 Krepfle, Keith (TE), Iowa St. 1982
 Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana 1971
 Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame 1969-74
 Kupp, Jake (G), Washington 1967
 Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA 1975-84

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Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina 1972
 Landrum, Mike (TE), So Miss 1984
 Lang, Gene (RB), LSU 1988-90
 Laughlin, Jim (LB), Ohio St. 1980-82,87
 Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U 1969-70
 Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia 1970
 Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor 1973-80
 LeBel, Harper (TE), Col St. 1992
 Ledbetter, Monte (WR), NW Louisiana 1969
 Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota 1969

Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific 1973-74
 Lee, Danzell (TE), Lamar 1988
 Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St. 1968
 Lee, Ron (OL), Baylor 1983
 Lemmerman, Bruce (QB),
 San Fernando Valley 1968-69
 Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity Texas 1970-71
 Levenick Dave (LB), Wisconsin 1983-84
 Lewis, Mike (DT), Arkansas AM&N 1971-79
 Linden, Errol (T), Houston 1966-68
 Long, Bob (WR), Wichita St. 1968
 Lothridge, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech 1966-71
 Loveall, Calvin (CB), Idaho 1988
 Luckhurst, Mick (K), California 1981-87
 Lyles, Robert (LB), TCU 1990-91

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Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard 1975-76
 Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame 1966
 Malancon, Rydell (LB), LSU 1984
 Mallory, John (S), W Virginia 1967
 Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St. 1970-74
 Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St. 1967
 Manning, Rosie (T), NE Oklahoma 1972-75
 Marchewski, Frank (C), Minnesota 1966-68
 Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield 1970-71
 Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F Austin 1966
 Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
 Martin, Charles (NT), Livingston 1988
 Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame 1973
 Matlock, John (C), Miami 1970-71
 Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt 1983-85
 Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State 1986-88
 Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St. 1973
 Mauer, Andy (G), Oregon 1970-73
 Mayberry, James (RB), Colorado 1979-81
 Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania 1978-80
 McCarthy, Brendan (RB),
 Boston College 1968
 McCartney, Ron (LB), Tennessee 1977-79
 McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin 1969-71
 McClain, Dewey (LB), E Central Univ 1976-80
 McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark 1975-77
 McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa 1969
 McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma 1967
 McFadden, Paul (K), Youngstown State 1989
 McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island 1974
 McInnis, Hugh (TE), So Mississippi 1966
 McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn 1977
 McKinnely, Phil (T), UCLA 1976-80
 McKyer, Tim (CB), Tex-Arlington 1991-92
 McMillon, Steve (CB) Wyoming 1989
 McQuilken, Kim (QB), Lehigh 1974-77
 Merrow, Jeff (DE), W Virginia 1975-83
 Meyers, Eddie (RB), Navy 1982
 Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin 1972-74
 Middleton, Ron (TE), Auburn 1986-87
 Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple 1973-77
 Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M 1979-83

Millen, Hugh (QB), Washington	1988-90
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa	1983-88
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon	1987-92
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa	1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska	1980-83
Milling, James (WR), Maryland	1991-92
Mitchell, Brian (CB), BYU	1991-92
Mitchell, Ken (LB),	

Nevada-Las Vegas	1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View	1969-79
Mitchell, Leonard (T), Houston	1987
Mitchell, Roland (CB), Texas Tech	1990
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC	1978
Moore, Robert (S), Northwestern St.	1986-89
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt	1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green	1977-79, 81
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis	1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech	1966
Mraz, Mark (DE), Utah State	1987
Musser, Neal (LB), NC State	1981-83

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Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View	1973-74
Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas	1966-76
Nofsinger, Terry (QB), Utah	1967
Norton, Jim (DT/DE), Washington	1967-68

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Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama	1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida	1975-78
Oswald, Paul (G), Kansas	1988

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Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky	1974
Patera, Greg (RB), Slippery Rock	1989
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St.	1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St.	1978-79
Pellegrini, Joe (C), Harvard	1984-86
Pegram, Eric (RB), N Tex St.	1992
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling	1977-80
Perko, Mike (DT), Utah St.	1982
Phillips, Jason (WR) Houston	1992
Phillips, Ray (LB), North Carolina St.	1986
Pickens, Bruce (CB), Nebraska	1992
Pillers, Lawrence (DT), Alcorn State	1985
Pitts, Mike (DE), Alabama	1983-86
Pleasant, Reggie (DB), Clemson	1985
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific	1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE) Texas	1971
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia	1978-85
Primus, James (RB), UCLA	1988-89
Pringle, Mike (RB), Cal State-Fullerton	1990
Pritchard, Mike (WR), Colorado	1992
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W Texas St.	1976-77
Pritchett, Wes (LB), Notre Dame	1991
Profit, Joe (RB), NE Louisiana	1971-73
Provence, Andrew (DT), S Carolina	1983-87

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St.	1983-92
Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia	1986-89
Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame	1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU	1972-74
Ray, Terry (S), Oklahoma	1992
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St.	1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern	1966-67
Redding, Reggie (T), Cal St. Ful	1991
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific	1969-71
Reed, Frank (DB), Washington	1976-80
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U	1975
Reid, Michael (LB), Wisconsin	1987-92
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU	1966
Renfro, Gilbert (QB), Tenn St.	1990
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU	1966-67
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech	1980-85
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W Texas St.	1966-67
Riddick, Louis (S), Pittsburgh	1992
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia	1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State	1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St.	1982-88
Rison, Andre (WR), Mich St.	1990-92
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue	1970
Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech	1982
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland	1976
Robinson, Bo (RB), W Texas St.	1981-83
Robison, Tommy (G), Texas A&M	1989
Rogers, Doug (DE), Stanford	1982
Rozier, Mike (RB), Nebraska	1990-91
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC	1966-67
Ruether, Mike (C), Texas	1990-92
Rushing, Marion (LB), So Illinois	1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan	1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech	1977-79
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia	1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado	1969
Sadowski, Troy (TE), Georgia	1990
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific	1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N Texas St.	1967
Sanders, Deion (CB), Florida St.	1989-92
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno	1981-86
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana	1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach St.	1969
Schonert, Turk (QB), Stanford	1986
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas	1976-82
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame	1981-90
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St.	1984
Settle, John (RB), Appalachian	1987-90
Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian	1987
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue	1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo	1971
Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State	1987-92
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St.	1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland	1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn	1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State	1966-67

Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin	1966
Simeta, Mike (DT), Kansas St.	1983
Simmons, Jerry (WR), Bethune-Cookman	1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami	1966-68
Sims, Joe (T), Nebraska	1991
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama	1966-67
Small, Gerald (CB), San Jose St.	1984
Small, John (DT), Citadel	1970-72
Smigelsky, Dave (P), Virginia Tech	1982
Smith, Chuck (DE), Tennessee	1992
Smith, Don (DE), Miami	1979-84
Smith, Mike (WR), Grambling	1980
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi	1969
Smith, Reggie (WR), NC Central	1980-81
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin	1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia	1974-76
Smith, Tony (RB), Southern Miss.	1992
Smith, Vinson (LB), E Carolina	1988
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford	1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U	1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin	1968
Solomon, Jesse (LB), Florida St.	1992
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal State-LA	1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee	1977
Spivey, Mike (CB), Colorado	1982
Stamps, Sylvester (WR), Jackson St.	1984-88
Stanback, Haskel (RB), Tennessee	1974-79
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Miss Valley	1969
Steinfert, Fred (PK), Boston College	1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota	1978
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern	1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas	1978-82
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College	1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, MO	1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn	1972-75
Szczeczko, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68

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Talbert, Don (T), Texas	1966-68
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas	1984
Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii	1984-86
Taylor, Malcom (DE), Tennessee St.	1989
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View	1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M	1978
Thaxton, Galand (LB), Wyoming	1989
Thielemann, RC (G), Arkansas	1977-84
Thomas, Ben (DE), Auburn	1989
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma	1985
Thomas, George (WR), Nevada-Las Vegas	1989-92
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU	1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami	1975-77
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana	1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State	1974-75
Tippins, Ken (LB), MTSU	1990-92
Tollison, Tommy (WR), Alabama	1966
Tolliver, Billy Joe (QB), Texas Tech	1992
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii	1982
Trayman, Wade (K), Frederick	1966-67

Tuggle, Jessie (LB), Valdosta State	1987-92
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA	1986-87
Tutson, Tom (DB), SC State	1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson	1984
Tyrrill, Tim (RB), No. Illinois	1984-86

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Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky	1969-86
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech	1970

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Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida	1968-71, 73
Wagoner, Danny (DB), Kansas	1985
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke	1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville	1971
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn Tech	1973-74
Washington, Charles (S), Cameron	1992
Washington, Joe (RB), Oklahoma	1985
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St.	1973
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Louisiana St.	1985
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St.	1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee	1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None	1976
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois	1966-67
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech	1985-88
White, Lyman (LB), LSU	1981-82
Whitfield, Bob (OT), Stanford	1992
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona	1966
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech	1986-87
Wilkins, Gary (TE), Georgia Tech	1988-91
Williams, Joel (LB), Wis/LaCrosse	1979-82, 86-89
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri	1986
Williams, Richard (RB) Memphis St.	1983
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State	1966-67
Willis, Mitch (DT), SMU	1988
Wilson, Brenard (S), Vanderbilt	1987
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia	1967
Wilson, Wade (QB), East Texas St.	1992
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa	1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St.	1968
Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia	1981
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame	1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina	1967
Woodberry, Dennis (CB), Southern Arkansas	1986
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian	1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois	1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St.	1969

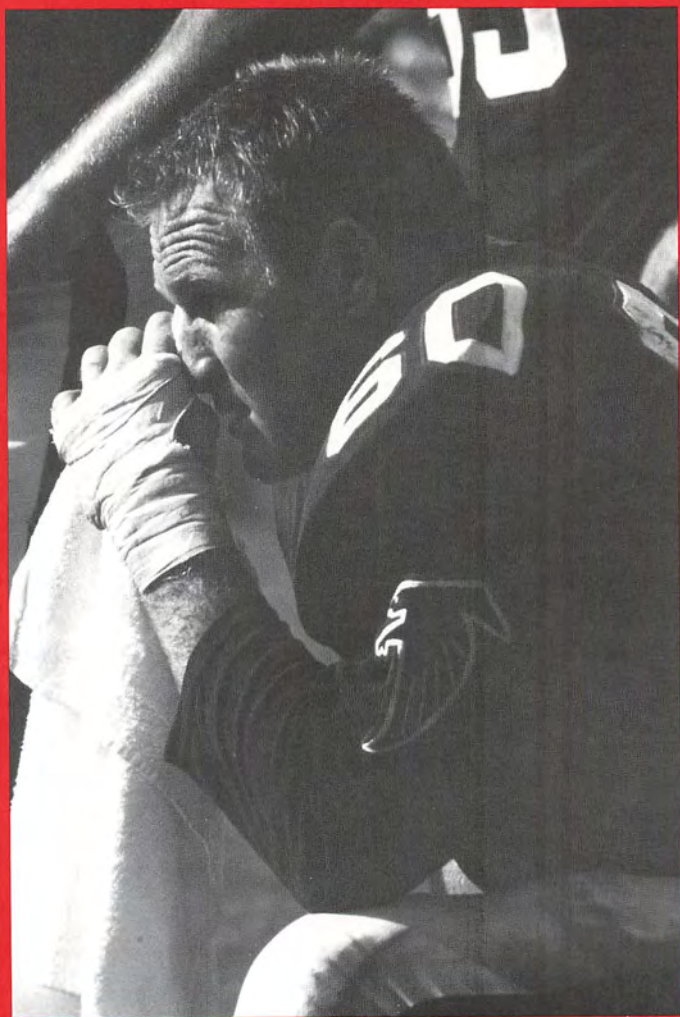
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Yarno, George (C/G), Wash St.	1988
Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College	1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington	1983

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Zackery, Tony (DB), Washington	1989
Zeke, Mike (DT), Kent	1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75

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Series vs. Opponents

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO

Series tied, 3-3
 1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)
 1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)
 1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)
 1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
 1989-Falcons, 30-28 (A)
 (Points-Bills 117, Falcons 111)
 1992-Bills, 41-14 (B)

ATLANTA vs. CHICAGO

Falcons lead series, 9-8
 1966-Bears, 23-6 (C)
 1967-Bears, 23-14 (A)
 1968-Falcons, 16-13 (C)
 1969-Falcons, 48-31 (A)
 1970-Bears, 23-14 (A)
 1972-Falcons, 37-21 (C)
 1973-Falcons, 46-6 (A)
 1974-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
 1976-Falcons, 10-0 (C)
 1977-Falcons, 16-10 (C)
 1978-Bears, 13-7 (C)
 1980-Falcons, 28-17 (A)
 1983-Falcons, 20-17 (C)
 1985-Bears, 36-0 (C)
 1986-Bears, 13-10 (A)
 1990-Bears, 30-24 (A)
 1992-Bears, 41-31 (C)
 (Points-Falcons 340, Bears 327)

ATLANTA vs. CINCINNATI

Bengals lead series, 5-2
 1971-Falcons, 9-6 (C)
 1975-Bengals, 21-14 (A)
 1978-Bengals, 37-7 (C)
 1981-Bengals, 30-28 (A)
 1984-Bengals, 35-14 (C)
 1987-Bengals, 16-10 (A)
 1990-Falcons, 38-17 (A)
 (Points-Bengals 162, Falcons 120)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND

Browns lead series, 8-1
 1966-Browns, 49-17 (A)
 1968-Browns, 30-7 (C)
 1971-Falcons, 31-14 (C)
 1976-Browns, 20-17 (A)
 1978-Browns, 24-16 (A)
 1981-Browns, 28-17 (C)
 1984-Browns, 23-7 (A)
 1987-Browns, 38-3 (C)
 1990-Browns, 13-10 (A)
 (Points-Browns 239, Falcons 125)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS

Cowboys lead series, 11-5
 1966-Cowboys, 47-14 (A)
 1967-Cowboys, 37-7 (D)
 1969-Cowboys, 24-17 (A)
 1970-Cowboys, 13-0 (D)
 1974-Cowboys, 24-0 (A)
 1976-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
 1978-Cowboys, 27-20 (D)
 1980-Cowboys, 30-27 (A)
 1985-Cowboys, 24-10 (D)
 1986-Falcons, 37-35 (D)
 1987-Falcons, 21-10 (D)
 1988-Cowboys, 26-20 (D)
 1989-Falcons, 27-21 (A)
 1990-Falcons, 26-7 (A)
 1991-Cowboys, 31-27 (D)
 1992-Cowboys, 41-17 (A)
 (Points-Cowboys 407, Falcons 287)

ATLANTA vs. DENVER

Broncos lead series, 4-3
 1970-Broncos, 24-10 (D)
 1972-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
 1975-Falcons, 35-21 (A)
 1979-Broncos, 20-17 (A) OT
 1982-Falcons, 34-27 (D)
 1985-Broncos, 44-28 (A)
 1988-Broncos, 30-14 (D)
 (Points-Broncos 186, Falcons 161)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT

Lions lead series, 16-5
 1966-Lions, 28-10 (D)
 1967-Lions, 24-3 (D)
 1968-Lions, 24-7 (A)
 1969-Lions, 27-21 (D)
 1971-Lions, 41-38 (D)
 1972-Lions, 26-23 (A)
 1973-Lions, 31-6 (D)
 1975-Lions, 17-14 (A)
 1976-Lions, 24-10 (D)
 1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
 1978-Falcons, 14-0 (A)
 1979-Lions, 24-23 (D)
 1980-Falcons, 43-28 (A)
 1983-Falcons, 30-14 (D)
 1984-Lions, 27-24 (A) OT
 1985-Lions 28, Atlanta 27 (A)
 1986-Falcons, 20-6 (D)
 1987-Lions, 30-13 (A)
 1988-Lions, 31-17 (D)
 1989-Lions, 31-24 (A)
 1990-Lions, 21-14 (A)
 (Points-Lions 488, Falcons 398)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY

Series tied, 9-9
 1966-Packers, 56-3 (Mil)
 1967-Packers, 23-0 (Mil)
 1968-Packers, 38-7 (A)
 1969-Packers, 28-10 (GB)
 1970-Packers, 27-24 (GB)
 1971-Falcons, 28-21 (A)
 1972-Falcons, 10-9 (Mil)
 1974-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
 1975-Packers, 22-13 (GB)
 1976-Packers, 24-20 (A)
 1979-Falcons, 25-7 (A)
 1981-Falcons, 31-17 (GB)
 1982-Packers, 38-7 (A)
 1983-Falcons, 47-41 (A) OT
 1988-Falcons, 20-0 (A)
 1989-Packers, 23-21 (Mil)
 1991-Falcons, 35-31 (A)
 1992-Falcons, 24-10 (A)
 (Points-Packers 418, Falcons 335)

ATLANTA vs. HOUSTON

Falcons lead series, 5-2
 1972-Falcons, 20-10 (A)
 1976-Oilers, 20-14 (H)
 1978-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
 1981-Falcons, 31-27 (H)
 1984-Falcons 42, Oilers 10 (A)
 1987-Oilers, 37-33 (H)
 1990-Falcons, 47-27 (A)
 (Points-Falcons 207, Oilers 145)

ATLANTA vs. INDIANAPOLIS

Colts lead series, 10-0
 1966-Colts, 19-7 (A)
 1967-Colts, 38-31 (B)
 Colts, 49-7 (A)
 1968-Colts, 28-20 (A)
 Colts, 44-0 (B)
 1969-Colts, 21-14 (A)
 Colts, 13-6 (B)
 1974-Colts, 17-7 (A)
 1986-Colts, 28-23 (A)
 1989-Colts, 13-9 (I)
 (Points-Colts 270, Falcons 124)

ATLANTA vs. KANSAS CITY

Chiefs lead series, 3-0
 1972-Chiefs, 17-14 (A)
 1985-Chiefs, 38-10 (KC)
 1991-Chiefs, 14-3 (KC)
 (Points-Chiefs 69, Falcons 27)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAIDERS

Raiders lead series, 4-3

1971-Falcons, 24-13 (A)

1975-Raiders, 37-34 (O) OT

1979-Raiders, 50-19 (O)

1982-Raiders, 38-14 (A)

1985-Raiders, 34-24 (A)

1988-Falcons, 12-6 (LA)

1991-Falcons, 21-17 (A)

(Points-Raiders 195, Falcons 148)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAMS

Rams lead series, 36-14-2

1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)

1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)

Rams, 20-3 (LA)

1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)

Rams, 17-10 (A)

1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)

Rams, 38-6 (A)

1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)

Rams, 17-7 (A)

1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)

Rams, 24-16 (A)

1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)

Rams, 20-7 (LA)

1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)

Falcons, 15-13 (A)

1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)

Rams, 30-7 (A)

1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)

Rams, 16-7 (A)

1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)

Rams, 59-0 (LA)

1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)

Rams, 23-7 (LA)

1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)

Falcons, 15-7 (A)

1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)

Rams, 34-13 (A)

1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)

Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT

1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)

Rams, 21-16 (LA)

1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)

1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)

Rams, 36-13 (A)

1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)

Rams, 24-10 (A)

1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)

Falcons, 30-14 (A)

1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)

Rams, 14-7 (LA)

1987-Falcons, 24-20 (A)

Rams, 33-0 (LA)

1988-Rams, 33-0 (A)

Rams, 22-7 (LA)

1989-Rams, 31-21 (A)

Rams, 26-14 (LA)

1990-Rams, 44-24 (LA)

Falcons, 20-13 (A)

1991-Falcons, 31-14 (A)

Falcons, 31-14 (LA)

1992-Falcons, 30-28 (A)

Rams, 38-27 (LA)

(Points-Rams 1191, Falcons 751)

ATLANTA vs. MIAMI

Dolphins lead series, 5-1

1970-Dolphins, 20-7 (A)

1974-Dolphins, 42-7 (M)

1980-Dolphins, 20-17 (A)

1983-Dolphins, 31-24 (M)

1986-Falcons, 20-14 (M)

1992-Dolphins, 21-17 (M)

(Points-Dolphins 148, Falcons 92)

ATLANTA vs. MINNESOTA

Vikings lead series, 12-6

1966-Falcons, 20-13 (M)

1967-Falcons, 21-20 (A)

1968-Vikings, 47-7 (M)

1969-Falcons, 10-3 (A)

1970-Vikings, 37-7 (A)

1971-Vikings, 24-7 (M)

1973-Falcons, 20-14 (A)

1974-Vikings, 23-10 (M)

1975-Vikings, 38-0 (M)

1977-Vikings, 14-7 (A)

1980-Vikings, 24-23 (M)

1981-Falcons, 31-30 (A)

1982-Vikings, 30-24 (M)

1984-Vikings, 27-20 (M)

1985-Falcons, 14-13 (A)

1987-Vikings, 24-13 (M)

1989-Vikings, 43-17 (M)

1991-Vikings, 20-19 (A)

(Points-Vikings 444, Falcons 270)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND

Falcons lead series, 4-3

1972-Patriots, 21-20 (NE)

1977-Patriots, 16-10 (A)

1980-Falcons, 37-21 (NE)

1983-Falcons, 24-13 (A)

1986-Patriots, 25-17 (NE)

1989-Falcons, 16-15 (A)

1992-Falcons, 34-0 (A)

(Points-Falcons 158, Patriots 111)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS

Falcons lead series, 27-21

1967-Saints, 27-24 (NO)

1969-Falcons, 45-17 (A)

1970-Falcons, 14-3 (NO)

Falcons, 32-14 (A)

1971-Falcons, 28-6 (A)

Falcons, 24-20 (NO)

1972-Falcons, 21-14 (NO)

Falcons, 36-20 (A)

1973-Falcons, 62-7 (NO)

Falcons, 14-10 (A)

1974-Saints, 14-13 (NO)

Saints, 13-3 (A)

1975-Falcons, 14-7 (A)

Saints, 23-7 (NO)

1976-Saints, 30-0 (NO)

Falcons, 23-20 (A)

1977-Saints, 21-20 (NO)

Falcons, 35-7 (A)

1978-Falcons, 20-17 (NO)

Falcons, 20-17 (A)

1979-Falcons, 40-34 (NO)

Saints, 37-6 (A)

1980-Falcons, 41-14 (NO)

Falcons, 31-13 (A)

1981-Falcons, 27-0 (A)

Falcons, 41-10 (NO)

1982-Falcons, 35-0 (A)

Saints, 35-6 (NO)

1983-Saints, 19-17 (A)

Saints, 27-10 (NO)

1984-Falcons, 36-28 (NO)

Saints, 17-13 (A)

1985-Falcons, 31-24 (A)

Falcons, 16-10 (NO)

1986-Falcons, 31-10 (NO)

Saints, 14-9 (A)

1987-Saints, 38-0 (A)

1988-Saints, 29-21 (A)

Saints, 10-9 (NO)

1989-Saints, 20-13 (NO)

Saints, 26-17 (A)

1990-Falcons, 28-27 (A)

Saints, 10-7 (A)

1991-Saints, 27-6 (A)

Falcons 23-20 (NO)

Falcons, 27-20 (NO-Play)

1992-Saints, 10-7 (A)

Saints, 22-14 (NO)

(Points-Falcons 996, Saints 826)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS

Series Tied, 6-6

1966-Falcons, 27-16 (NY)

1968-Falcons, 24-21 (A)

1971-Giants, 21-17 (A)

1974-Falcons, 14-7 (New Haven)

1977-Falcons, 17-3 (A)

1978-Falcons, 23-20 (A)

1979-Giants, 24-3 (NY)

1981-Giants, 27-24 (A) OT

1982-Falcons, 16-14 (NY)

1983-Giants, 16-13 (A) OT

1984-Giants, 19-7 (A)

1988-Giants, 23-16 (A)
(Points-Giants 211, Falcons 201)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS

Series tied, 3-3
1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)
1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)
1986-Jet, 28-14 (A)
1989-Jets, 27-7 (NY)
1992-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
(Points-Jets 117, Falcons 103)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA

Eagles lead series, 8-7-1
1966-Eagles, 23-10 (P)
1967-Eagles, 38-7 (A)
1969-Falcons, 27-3 (P)
1970-Tie, 13-13 (P)
1973-Falcons, 44-27 (P)
1976-Eagles, 14-13 (A)
1978*-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1979-Falcons, 14-10 (P)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (P)
1981-Eagles, 16-13 (P)
1983-Eagles, 28-24 (A)
1984-Falcons, 26-10 (A)
1985-Eagles, 23-17 (P)
1986-Eagles, 16-0 (A)
1988-Falcons, 27-24 (P)
1990-Eagles, 24-23 (A)
(Points-Eagles 299, Falcons 292)
* NFC First Round Playoff

ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH

Steelers lead series, 8-1
1966-Steelers, 57-33 (A)
1968-Steelers, 41-21 (A)
1970-Falcons, 27-16 (A)
1974-Steelers, 24-17 (P)
1978-Steelers, 31-7 (P)
1981-Steelers, 34-20 (A)
1984-Steelers, 35-10 (P)
1987-Steelers, 28-12 (A)
1990-Steelers, 21-9 (P)
(Points-Steelers 287, Falcons 156)

ATLANTA vs. PHOENIX

Cardinals lead series, 10-4
1966-Falcons, 16-10 (A)
1968-Cardinals, 17-12 (StL)
1971-Cardinals, 26-9 (A)
1973-Cardinals, 32-10 (A)
1975-Cardinals, 23-20 (StL)
1978-Cardinals, 42-21 (StL)
1980-Falcons, 33-27 (StL) OT
1981-Falcons, 41-20 (A)
1982-Cardinals, 23-20 (A)

1986-Falcons, 33-13 (A)
1987-Cardinals, 34-21 (A)
1989-Cardinals, 34-20 (P)
1990-Cardinals, 24-13 (A)
1991-Cardinals, 16-10 (P)
1992-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
(Points-Cardinals 368, Falcons 299)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO

Falcons lead series, 3-1
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
1988-Chargers, 10-7 (A)
1991-Falcons, 13-10 (SD)
(Points-Falcons 89, Chargers 46)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO

49ers lead series, 31-20-1
1966-49ers, 44-7 (A)
1967-49ers, 38-7 (SF)
49ers, 34-28 (A)
1968-49ers, 28-13 (SF)
49ers, 14-12 (A)
1969-Falcons, 24-12 (A)
Falcons, 21-7 (SF)
1970-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
49ers, 24-20 (SF)
1971-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
49ers, 24-3 (SF)
1972-49ers, 49-14 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1973-49ers, 13-9 (A)
Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
1974-49ers, 16-10 (A)
49ers, 27-0 (SF)
1975-Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
Falcons, 31-9 (A)
1976-49ers, 15-0 (SF)
Falcons, 21-16 (A)
1977-Falcons, 7-0 (SF)
49ers, 10-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 21-10 (A)
1979-49ers, 20-15 (SF)
Falcons, 31-21 (A)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 35-10 (A)
1981-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
49ers, 17-14 (SF)
1982-Falcons, 17-7 (SF)
1983-49ers, 24-20 (SF)
Falcons, 28-24 (A)
1984-49ers, 14-5 (SF)
49ers, 35-17 (A)
1985-49ers, 35-16 (SF)
49ers, 38-17 (A)
1986-Tie, 10-10 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)

1987-49ers, 25-17 (A)
49ers, 35-7 (SF)
1988-Falcons, 34-17 (SF)
49ers, 13-3 (A)
1989-49ers, 45-3 (SF)
49ers, 23-10 (A)
1990-49ers, 19-13 (SF)
49ers, 45-35 (A)
1991-Falcons, 39-34 (SF)
Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1992-49ers, 56-17 (SF)
49ers, 41-3 (A)
(Points-49ers 1146, Falcons 823)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE

Seahawks lead series, 4-1
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
1988-Seahawks, 31-20 (A)
1991-Falcons 26-13 (A)
(Points-Seahawks 135, Falcons 113)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA BAY

Falcons lead series, 6-5
1977-Falcons, 17-0 (TB)
1978-Buccaneers, 14-9 (TB)
1979-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1981-Buccaneers, 24-23 (TB)
1984-Buccaneers, 23-6 (TB)
1986-Falcons, 23-20 (TB)
1987-Buccaneers, 48-10 (TB)
1988-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1990-Buccaneers, 23-17 (TB)
1991-Falcons, 43-7 (A)
1992-Falcons, 35-7 (TB)
(Points-Buccaneers 190, Falcons 217)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON

Redskins lead series, 13-3-1
1966-Redskins, 33-20 (W)
1967-Tie, 20-20 (A)
1969-Redskins, 27-20 (W)
1972-Redskins, 24-13 (W)
1975-Redskins, 30-27 (A)
1977-Redskins, 10-6 (W)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Redskins, 16-7 (A)
1980-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1983-Redskins, 37-21 (W)
1984-Redskins, 27-14 (W)
1985-Redskins, 44-10 (A)
1987-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1989-Redskins, 31-30 (A)
1991-Redskins, 56-17 (W)
Redskins, 24-7 (W-Play)
1992-Redskins, 24-17 (W)
(Points-Redskins 446, Falcons 280)

Falcons on Prime Time TV

Nov. 30, 1970 (Monday)	Miami 20 Atlanta 7 at Atlanta (54,036) Larry Csonka gains 109 yards to pace Dolphin victory	Next Week San Francisco 24 Atlanta 20
Nov. 22, 1971 (Monday)	Atlanta 28 Green Bay 21 at Atlanta (58,850) Bob Berry completes club record 16 of 21 passes	Minnesota 24 Atlanta 7
Nov. 20, 1972 (Monday)	Washington 24 Atlanta 13 at Washington (53,039) Skins overcome 10-0 halftime deficit	Atlanta 23 Denver 20
Oct. 1, 1973 (Monday)	Detroit 31 Atlanta 6 at Detroit (45,519) Lions coast after taking 21-3 halftime lead	San Francisco 13 Atlanta 9
Nov. 19, 1973 (Monday)	Atlanta 20 Minnesota 14 at Atlanta (58,850) QB Bob Lee is hero as Falcons trip unbeaten Vikes	Atlanta 28 N.Y. Jets 20
Oct. 28, 1974 (Monday)	Pittsburgh 24 Atlanta 17 at Pittsburgh (48,094) Steelers break 14-14 halftime tie for victory	Miami 42 Atlanta 7
Oct. 30, 1978 (Monday)	Atlanta 15 Los Angeles 7 at Atlanta (57,250) Mazzetti's five field goals provide all Atlanta points	Atlanta 21 San Francisco 10
Sept. 10, 1979 (Monday)	Atlanta 14 Philadelphia 10 at Philadelphia (66,935) Andrews gains 121 rushing to key win	Denver 20 Atlanta 17
Oct. 29, 1979 (Monday)	Seattle 31 Atlanta 28 at Atlanta (52,566) Late interceptions kill Falcons comeback bid	Atlanta 17 Tampa Bay 14
Nov. 19, 1979 (Monday)	Los Angeles 20 Atlanta 14 at Los Angeles (54,097) Penalties costly in narrow defeat for Falcons	New Orleans 37 Atlanta 6
Oct. 5, 1981 (Monday)	Philadelphia 16 Atlanta 13 at Philadelphia (71,488) Mistakes were costly in Atlanta's defeat	Los Angeles 37 Atlanta 35
Nov. 23, 1981 (Monday)	Atlanta 31 Minnesota 30 at Atlanta (54,086) Four interceptions, one returned for TD by Buddy Curry clinched victory	Atlanta 31 Houston 27
Dec. 14, 1981 (Monday)	Los Angeles 21 Atlanta 16 at Los Angeles (57,054) Andrews rushed for 115 yards in losing effort	Cincinnati 30 Atlanta 28
Dec. 19, 1982 (Sunday)	Atlanta 17 San Francisco 7 at San Francisco (53,234) Andrews rushes for 108 yards as Falcons claim NFC playoff berth	Green Bay 38 Atlanta 7
Nov. 18, 1983 (Monday)	Los Angeles Rams 36 Atlanta 13 at Atlanta (31,203) Dickerson rushes for 146 and Falcons turn it over four times	Atlanta 28 San Francisco 24
Oct. 22, 1984 (Monday)	Los Angeles Rams 24 Atlanta 10 at Atlanta (52,861) Eric Dickerson rushes for 145 yards and one TD	Pittsburgh 35 Atlanta 10
Nov. 5, 1984 (Monday)	Washington 27 Atlanta 14 at Washington (51,301) Riggins scores twice, Bartowski hurt	New Orleans 17 Atlanta 13
Oct. 28, 1990 (Sunday Night) TNT	Atlanta 38 Cincinnati 17 at Atlanta (53,214) Sanders sets new club record with 79 yard TD Punt Return	Pittsburgh 21 Atlanta 9
Nov. 24, 1991 (Sunday Night) ESPN	Atlanta 23 New Orleans 20 at New Orleans K Norm Johnson makes 50-yard FG in OT; WR Haynes has 187 yards, 2 TD's	Atlanta 35 Green Bay 31
NOV. 9, 1992 (Monday) ABC	San Francisco 41 Atlanta 3 at Atlanta	Atlanta 20 Phoenix 17
Nov. 29, 1992 (Thursday) ESPN	New Orleans 22 Atlanta 14 at New Orleans	Atlanta 35 Tampa Bay 7
Dec. 21, 1992 (Monday) ABC	Dallas 41 Atlanta 17 at Atlanta	L.A. Rams 38 Atlanta 27

NFC Playoffs
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13
 December 24, 1978
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

After a less than scintillating first half, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes. He completed 13 of 20 for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aeriels coming with less than five minutes remaining. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles, 26-yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons lumbled the ball away twice. One resulted in the Eagles, lone score, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

Philadelphia	6	0	7	0	13
Atlanta	0	0	0	14	14

Scoring

Phil — Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
 Phil — Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick)
 Atl — Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl — Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3
 Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19—1 td,
 Jaworski 1-3, Camplfield 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 32-18-2-243-2 td-2 sk
 Eagles — Jaworski 35-19-0-190-1 td-3 sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135-1 td, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35-1 td, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4
 Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45-1 td, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5)

NFC Playoffs
Dallas 27, Atlanta 20
 December 30, 1978
 Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out after intermission at which time they held a 20-13 lead. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, to bring Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

Atlanta	7	13	0	0	20
Dallas	10	3	7	7	27

Scoring

Dal — Septien, 34 FG
 Atl — Bean, 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Dal — Laidlaw, 13 run (Septien kick)
 Atl — Mazzetti, 42 FG
 Dal — Septien, 48 FG
 Atl — Francis, 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl — Mazzetti, 22 FG
 Dal — Smith, 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
 Dal — Laidlaw, 1 run (Septien kick)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1 td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6
 Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66-2 td, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-8-3-95-1td-5 sk
 Cowboys — White 20-10-1-127-1 td-1 sk, Staubach 17-7-0-1 05-0 td-0 sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66-1 td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7
 Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38-1 td, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9

NFC Playoffs Dallas 30, Atlanta 27

January 4, 1981
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 82-yard scoring drive, the last play being a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play.

Dallas	3	7	0	20	30
Atlanta	10	7	7	3	27

Scoring

Atl — Mazzetti, 38 FG
Atl — Jenkins, 60 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal — Septien, 38 FG
Dal — Dupree, 5 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl — Cain, 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl — Andrews, 5 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal — Newhouse, 1 run (Septien kick)
Atl — Mazzetti, 34 kick
Dal — Pearson, 14 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal — Pearson, 23 pass from White (Kick failed)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/1	40/25/1
Punts	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43-1 td
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-1 td,
White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 33-18-1-320-2 td-4 sk
Cowboys — White 39-25-1-322-3 td-1 sk, Springs 1-0-0-0-0 td-0 sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155-1 td, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19-1 td, Jackson 1-12
Cowboys — D. Pearson 2-19-1 td, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 2-19-1 td, Johnson 1-20

NFC Playoffs Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24

January 9, 1983
Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On first possession Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at half, before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way was three.

Atlanta	7	0	14	3	24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14	30

Scoring

Atl — Rogers, fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — Danmeier, 33 FG
Minn — White, 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Minn — Danmeier, 30 FG
Atl — Luckhurst, 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl — Glazebrook, 35 interception (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — Danmeier, 39 FG
Minn — McCullum, 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl — Luckhurst, 41 FG
Minn — Brown, 5 run (Danmeier kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/9/2	34/20/1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17-1 td
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1 td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-9-2-134-0 td-3 sk
Vikings — Kramer 34-20-1-253-2 td-0 sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16, Kreple 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5
Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51-1 td, Galbreath
3-14 White 2-61-1 td, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9

Falcons' Historical Calendar

The Start June 30, 1965	The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for \$8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.
Officially Titled Aug. 20, 1965	"Five Smiths, Inc." is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.
Stockholders Aug. 24, 1965	The listed stockholders of the franchise included Lindsay Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.
The Nickname Aug. 29, 1965	"Falcons" was suggested by many, with reasons from a school teacher from Griffin, Georgia singled out. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.
You Need Players Sept. 9, 1965	Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.
The First Draft Nov. 27, 1965	With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told, the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riddle from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Player Development, while Riddle served 21 years as a team scout.
A 54-day Ticket Blitz Nov. 1 - Dec. 24, 1965	In seven weeks, the Falcons sold 45,000 season tickets surpassing the previous NFL best of 26,000 by Minnesota. Those tickets sold for \$6, with club level seats costing \$10 a game.
The Head Coach Jan. 26, 1966	Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.
Supplemental Draft Feb. 16, 1966	Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota).
Head for the Mountains March 26, 1966	A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs June 8, 1966	The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.
The First Practice July 2, 1966	Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.
The First Game Aug. 1, 1966 (Preseason)	Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.
Champions of the South Aug. 19, 1966	Falcons defeat their AFL rivals, the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, to lay claim to the championship of the South.
The First Victory Aug. 27, 1966 (Preseason)	In the fifth and final preseason game, the Falcons defeated San Francisco, 24-17, before 21,780 fans in Columbia, S.C. Rookie QB Randy Johnson made his first start and passed to Alex Hawkins for the clinching TD.
This Game Is For Real Sept. 11, 1966	The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.
The First Points Sept. 11, 1966	It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.
The First Broadcasters 1966	Atlanta's WAGA-TV televised the Falcons game in that inaugural year with Ed Thilenius (University of Georgia Announcer) and WQXI Radio broadcasting with Jack Hurst (GA. Tech Announcer). The analyst was former player and coach Johnny Sauer.
The First Official Win Nov. 30, 1966	After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.
Tying an NFL Record With A 1st HOME Win Dec. 11, 1966	The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The second win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggie returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.
A General Manager Jan. 31, 1967	Frank E. Wall was promoted to GM after serving as Vice-President and Treasurer.
The First Trade Mar. 14, 1967	Falcons deal away first round draft choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton.
A New Summer Home July 18, 1967	Falcons shift training camp to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City at the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

A Wild Opening Sept. 17, 1967	About the time the National Anthem was finished, the Colts and Falcons started scoring. First, the Colts went the length of the field (88 yards Unitas to Mackey) and the Falcons countered with a club record 99-yard kickoff return to tie the game. The 38-31 Colt win also featured two more scoring plays over 50 yards (77 int. TD by the Falcons Lee Calland and 55 TD catch by Colts Jimmy Orr).
Atlanta's First All-Pro Dec. 15, 1967	Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).
A Defensive Gem Jan. 30, 1968	The Falcons (choosing 3rd in the Draft) select a defensive end from Tennessee State. After six selections to the Pro Bowl, Claude Humphrey proved to be one of the great Falcons of all-time.
Jersey Change May 13, 1968	Stripes are added to the sleeves of the jerseys, replacing the team emblem.
A New Regime Oct. 1, 1968	Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.
Starting On the Right Foot Sept. 21, 1969	Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight End Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.
Farewell to an Original Oct. 29, 1969	Running Back Junior Coffey, the last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to the New York Giants.
Point Parade Nov. 21, 1969	Falcons roll up 48 points to win by 17 over Bears. The 518 yards of offense saw Randy Johnson throw for four TD's and Harmon Wages score on a 48-yard run.
The Triple Play Dec. 7, 1969	Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).
Three Straight Wins and Six for the Year 1969	Falcons close season by ending Viking 12 game win streak in 10-3 game as Claude Humphrey scores only TD of game (24 fumble return). The team finished 6-8-1, their best record ever.
Management Shifts Jan. 6, 1970	Rankin M. Smith becomes Chairman of the Board, with Frank Wall taking over the duties and title of President. Coach Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager to his list of duties.
Champs of the South Look Ready to Go Sept. 12, 1970	With a 20-17 conquest of southern rival Miami, the Falcons close with the finest preseason (4-1) in the club's five-year history.
A Passing Feat Sept. 27, 1970	In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes Oct. 4, 1970	Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener against the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).
Fit to Be Tied Nov. 8-15, 1970	On the road at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Falcons chalk up back to back ties, 10-10 and 13-13, for record that still stands.
The Early Birds Get the Tickets Nov. 22, 1970	All seats were sold out 25 days in advance, a Falcon record, as the rival L.A. Rams come to town. Both Ram touchdowns were scored by the defense in a 17-7 Falcon loss.
National TV! Nov. 30, 1970	Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.
Inflation Hits Jan. 3, 1971	For the first time in team history, ticket prices go from \$6 to \$7.50, ending a five year status quo.
A Third Summer Home Feb. 4, 1971,	Falcons elect to move summer training camp to Furman University in Greenville, S.C. and announce it will open on July 19.
A Hall of Famer Feb. 23, 1971.	Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
You Can't Win Them All Unless You Win the Opener Sept. 19, 1971	For a third straight year, Falcons open up with a victory. This home opener saw the Falcons defeat the division rival 49ers, 20-17.
Catch This Act Oct. 3 and Dec. 19, 1971	Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.
A Winning Season Dec. 19, 1971	In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.
A Coast to Coast Win Nov. 22, 1971	Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.
A Busy Day At The Office Feb. 1, 1972	Van Brocklin makes four trades dealing away six veterans then uses top picks for Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame DB) and acquired pick for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (Auburn QB).
Ups and Downs July 15, 1972	Ellis and Sullivan go to participate in College All-star game in Chicago. Ellis injures knee and requires surgery, Sullivan earns Most Valuable Player honors.
Bring in the Cavalry Aug. 31, 1972	Falcons trade with Green Bay for running back Dave Hampton, a 1,000-yard runner in 1971. Falcons gave up lineman Malcolm Snider.
A Jinx Is Ended With a 1-2 Punch Oct. 1, 1972	After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

An "Unofficial" 1,000 Dec. 17, 1972	Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000-yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.
The First 50 Dec. 17, 1972	RB Art Malone became the first Falcon to ever catch 50 passes in a season, leading the club for a second consecutive season.
Trade Time Jan. 22, 1973 May 14, 1973	Falcons swap #1 pick in draft for DT Mike Tilleman, who led the NFL in 1972 with 14 sacks at Houston. QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick come from Minnesota for QB Bob Berry and a #1 pick.
Lighting Up the Scoreboard Sept. 16, 1973	Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.
General Lee Takes Charge Oct. 14, 1973	QB Bob Lee gets first start and responds with leadership en route to 46-6 rout of Chicago Bears.
Getting A Kick Out of It Nov. 4, 1973	Falcons come from 10-0 deficit to upset rival Rams behind club record five field goals from Nick Mike-Mayer.
Big Finish Nov. 11, 1973	With 24 fourth quarter points, Falcons break 20-20 tie to wallop Eagles, 44-27.
Monday Night Madness Nov. 19, 1973	Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.
7 + 1 = 8 Nov. 25, 1973	With seventh straight win (over Jets, 28-20) Falcons win eighth game for most ever in a season.
"Hard-Luck" Hampton and the "So Close" Falcons 1973	After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.
An Original Streaker Spring, 1974	Ken Reaves, an original member of the Atlanta Falcons since 1966, is part of a trade with the Saints. Reaves had played in all 112 games consecutively, setting a club record with 29 pass interceptions.
A Coaching Change Nov. 5/6, 1974	After a 2-6 start, Norm Van Brocklin is fired as Head Coach/General Manager and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell is elevated to the Head coaching post.
Trading for the Future Jan. 27, 1975	In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also got a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).
The Future is Here Jan. 28, 1975	With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.
A Managerial Move Feb. 26, 1975	Pat Peppler is named Falcons General Manager.

Hooray for Hampton Dec. 21, 1975	Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.
A Big Catch May 5, 1976	Wide Receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option after nine years (350 catches) is signed.
A Coaching Change Oct. 11, 1976	After 1-4 start, Pat Peppler takes over as interim Head Coach for Marion Campbell.
A Come-From-Behind Sweet Upset Nov. 21, 1976	By scoring all 17 points in the 4th quarter, the Falcons rally for 17-10 upset of playoff-bound Cowboys.
"O" My Dec. 5, 1976	Rams pour it on in 59-0 whitewashing of Falcons.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith, Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
A Positive Start Sept. 18, 1977	Bennett's debut is a sweet 17-6 win over the rival Rams before 55,956 in Atlanta. Scott Hunter fills in for injured Bartkowski and defeats a Joe Namath-led Ram squad.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.
Ground Breaking Apr. 3, 1978	Construction of a new year-round training facility begins in Suwanee to give Falcons NFL's finest complex.
A New Look Aug. 19, 1978	Falcons unveil new uniforms.
First Home Shutout Oct. 15, 1978	By holding the Lions to just 22 yards rushing, the Falcons post their first shutout at home, 14-0.
June Jones and the Gritz Blitz Go National Oct. 30, 1978	In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.
"Big Ben Right" Nov. 12, 1978	With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.

A Second Chance Dec. 9, 1978	With no time remaining Tim Mazzetti missed a 37-yard FG against the Redskins. A penalty gave him a second chance and he nailed a 32-yard FG that was to end up later being a playoff clinching kick.
Clinching a Play off Berth the Easy Way Sat., Dec. 15, 1978	When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, L.A. beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.
Dealing the Wild Card Dec. 24, 1978	With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!
Valiant Underdogs Dec. 30, 1978	As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tying score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.
William Who? Sept. 2, 1979	Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club-record 167 yard effort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.
Bart's Barrage & The Lost Coin Toss Sept. 16, 1979	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 326 yards (20 of 29) vs. Denver in Atlanta. A missed Falcon field goal meant another overtime game. Unfortunately, the visiting Broncos won the coin toss, received, and drove for the winning FG without Bartkowski ever getting a chance to rally the Falcons.
Easy As 1,2,3 Oct. 14, 1979	Rookie RB Lynn Cain set a club record by scoring three touchdowns in a game in loss to Raiders.
Adding Up The Totals Dec. 16, 1979	Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).
Atlanta Air Force Sept. 21, 1980	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 332 yards vs. Dolphins. A blocked Falcon field goal led to a winning Dolphin field goal with 32 seconds remaining in 20-17 loss. The 1-2 Falcons have lost by one and three points but are ready to take off flying through the NFL.
The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Fall Sept. 28 -Oct. 5, 1980	Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34-point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28.
Steve's Heroics Oct.-Nov., 1980	Bartkowski was hot and the Falcons caught fire. First, he had a club-tying 4 TD game vs. Saints, then a 54-yard TD on 4th and 11 with 1:15 left to beat the Rams, then two weeks later a club record 378-yard game in win over St. Louis in overtime.
How the West Was Won Dec. 14, 1980	Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews, sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Western Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.

Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
They Can't Win if They Don't Score Sept. 6, 1981	Falcon defense sets tone with first-ever shutout in season opening 27-0 win over New Orleans. For good measure, the defense even scored a TD of their own with a fumble recovery.
You Had To See it to Believe It, Folks Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tying 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).
Who Was That Guy? Oct. 11, 1981	Despite scoring 35 points and gaining 349 yards, Falcons lost to Rams, 37-35, as Leroy Irvin set an NFL record by returning six punts for 207 yards (75 and 84-yard TD's).
2 + 2 = 4 Oct. 18, 1981	William Andrews and Alfred Jenkins each gained over 100 yards receiving and each scored two touchdowns as Steve Bartkowski set a club mark with 4 TD passes in 41-20 rout of St. Louis.
Dueling QB's Nov. 15, 1981	Steve Bartkowski rewrites Falcon record book with 33 of 50 for 416-yard performance. Terry Bradshaw is equal to the task with 5 TD passes as Steelers win 34-20.
Numbers To Remember 1981 Season	The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points. Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TD's - 3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.
No More Tickets May 17, 1982	Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 55,144.
It's Never Over 'Til It's Over Sept. 12, 1982	With the Giants leading, 14-7, and deep in Falcon territory in the 4th quarter, the season opener wasn't going as planned. However, Bob Glazebrook returned a fumble for a club-record 91 yards and then Mick Luckhurst won the game with 58 seconds remaining for a 17-14 Falcon triumph.
Striking Out Sept. 21, 1982	NFL Players Association calls a strike after two games and players walk out. Eight games were missed; seven cancelled, in strike that lasted until Nov. 17 (57 days).
Back on Track Nov. 21, 1982	In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.
Way To Go, Alfred Nov. 28, 1982	Alfred Jenkins gets his 306th career catch to set club mark. However, a 67-yard Johnson punt return TD is called back and a tying FG sailed wide as Falcons lost to St. Louis, 23-20.

M*A*S*H Dec. 5, 1982	Some 18 players from both squads limped off or were carried from the field in brutal 34-27 Falcon win at Mile High Stadium. A safe Mick Luckhurst became the first Falcon kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same game.
A National Clinch Dec. 19, 1982	With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.
Indoor Playoffs Jan. 9, 1983	Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7-3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).
Changing of The Guard Jan. 14-Feb. 1, 1983	Leeman Bennett is released after six seasons and Dan Henning, from the World Champion Washington Redskins, is hired as the sixth head coach in Falcon history.
A Happy Debut Sept. 4, 1983	At Soldier Field, Falcons come from behind twice to defeat Bears, 20-17, to open on successful note for Coach Henning.
Road Warriors Sept. 18, 1983	On the road at Detroit, Falcons romp 30-14 for Henning's second straight road win. Andrews carried a club record 32 times (150 yards), with Bartkowski hitting his 10th 300-game (366) and adding to his streak of 107 passes without an interception.
Broken Streaks Oct. 9-Oct. 16 1983	Alfred Jenkins 4th longest receiving streak in NFL history stopped at 103 games vs. Rams and Steve Bartkowski's streak of 197 consecutive passes without an interception ends vs. New Orleans.
"Big Ben" Chimes Again Nov. 20, 1983	Trailing 24-21, Bartkowski lofts desperation pass 42 yards to five-yard line where ball is deflected to stumbling Billy Johnson, who fights into end zone for 28-24 upset win.
A Two-Time Hero Nov. 27, 1983	Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.
Stats to Remember Dec. 18, 1983	William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards, Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% interception rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.
Surgery for William Aug. 21, 1984	Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.
A New Leader Sept. 2, 1984	Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.
Point Parade Sept. 9, 1984	K Mick Luckhurst becomes the club's all-time leading scorer with his 271st career point.

The Jinx is Broken Oct. 7, 1984	For the first time in 19 long years, the Falcons won at Los Angeles. It wasn't easy, of course, as Mick Luckhurst had to kick a 37-yard FG as time expired after Bartkowski completed two fourth-down passes to keep the winning drive alive. Cain rushed for three TD's also in 30-28 win to tie club mark.
A Catchy Record Dec. 2, 1984	Receiver Alford Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.
Landing A Big One April 30, 1985	Pitt's 280-pound offensive lineman, Bill Fralic, was selected by Falcons as second choice in entire NFL draft.
"White Shoes" Is #1 Sept. 8, 1985	Billy "White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.
Bull's eye Sept.-Oct., 1985	Kicker Mick Luckhurst sets club record for consecutive field goals with 10 and then adds to it until streak runs out at 17 vs. Dallas.
A Sudden Ending Nov. 10, 1985	Trailing 17-0 after three quarters, Falcons rallied to tie 17-17 and had a chance to win on final play of regulation when FG sailed wide. In OT, Eagles Ron Jaworski hit Mika Quick for an equally quick record tying 99-yard TD.
Running Wild Nov. 1985	Gerald Riggs set club record for career rushing TD's, tied record for single game TDs, and had a club record five consecutive 100 yard rushing games.
Waiving Bye-Bye Nov. 27, 1985	Steve Bartkowski is released after five weeks on injured reserve and is claimed by Washington for final two weeks.
Determined Gerald Dec. 22, 1985	With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1,719 yards to lead the entire NFC.
Ins and Outs Dec. 23-24, 1985	Eddie LeBaron, V-P and chief executive officer, is dismissed, while Dan Henning is given a one-year contract extension. Henning then hires former Falcon head coach Marion Campbell as defensive coordinator.
Picking and Choosing April 29, 1986	Using some draft picks and trading others for players, the Falcons landed eight players (five starters) as a result of this one day's selection process. Drafted were Lombardi Trophy winner, Tony Casillas, LB Tim Green, WR Floyd Dixon, and RB Keith Williams. Coming in trades were starters LB Reggie Wilkes, LB Joel Williams, S Bret Clark and QB Turk Schonert.
A Record Start Sept. 1986	The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.
Leading the Way Oct. 12, 1986	In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.

Injured Quarterbacks Nov. 23, 1986	At Candlestick Park, the 49ers' Joe Montana made his third start after back surgery that some said would side line him for the season or even his career. Meanwhile, the Falcons had a new starter in Turk Schonert as Dave Archer was lost for the year in the previous week's 13-10 loss to the Super Bowl champion Bears. Both completed 21 passes with only six yards difference, but the 49ers prevailed 20-0.
A Note of Thanks Dec. 14, 1986	It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.
Falcons Get Their Man April 28, 1987	When it came time for the Falcons to make their No. 1 selection (13th overall) on draft day '87, they took no time at all in choosing a player they coveted from the beginning; namely, Oregon QB Chris Miller. The last time the birds used their top pick on a QB was in 1975 when Steve Bartkowski fit the bill.
Super Bowl Champs Go Down, Johnson's Records Adding Up Sept. 20, 1987	After being drubbed 48-10 at Tampa Bay in the season opener the Falcons rebound to defeat the eventual World Champion Washington Redskins 21-20 in front of over 50,000 fans at Fulton-County. QB Scott Campbell made his first start in two years (and first in a Falcon uniform) replacing Dave Archer and completed 17-34 passes for 271 yards and two TD's to supply the offensive spark. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson added another milestone to his brilliant career by becoming the NFL's all-time leading punt returner, registering his 259th lifetime return.
Strike Two!! Sept. 22, 1987	The NFL Players Association walks off the job for the second time in five years but only one game is cancelled. The League's owners decide to continue with replacement players. "Regulars" report back to work 24 days later, but still not in time for the League's mandatory limit, and so miss another game.
Play (Hard) Ball!! Oct. 4-18, 1987	The NFL goes along with its idea to compete with replacement players while the union walks the picket line. The Falcons are forced to play against strike-breaking "veterans" at home in all three games such as Ernest Jackson, Mike Webster, Nolan Cromwell and 1988 Pro Bowlers Joe Montana, Roger Craig and Charles White (League's leading rusher). Atlanta drops close contests against Pittsburgh and San Francisco but dumps the L.A. Rams 24-20 despite trailing 17-0 at halftime.
Record Breaking Session By Riggs Spells Doomsday For Dallas Dec. 6, 1987	Gerald Riggs becomes the club's all-time leading rusher, surpassing William Andrews with a live-yard run in the third quarter at Dallas, giving the six-year pro from Arizona State a career total of 5,987 yards. Riggs finishes up the day with 119 yards to help the Falcons break a seven-game losing streak and knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the second straight year with a 21-10 victory in Texas Stadium.
Crowning Achievements Dec. 27, 1987	Rick Donnelly and Sylvester Stamps claim a pair of NFL individual titles because of what they did and didn't do against the Lions in the season finale. Donnelly goes toe-to-toe with Detroit's Jim Arnold and wins the League's punting title with a 44.03 average. The Lions kick away from dangerous return man Stamps and he maintains his NFL lead without actually fielding a KOR all day to end the year with a League best 27.5 average.

**"Five Seasons
Rolled Into One"**
1987 Season

That's how Falcons Head Coach Marion Campbell summed up the 1987 campaign. It's not too far fetched when you consider: a total of 114 players donned a Falcon jersey (including replacement players) and a combined 26 players missed 145 games due to injuries... some 46 players were credited with at least one tackle on defense, while 27 players caught a pass and 22 ran from scrimmage... there were 17 players who returned a kick with 16 others who scored... and would you believe five different quarterbacks started a game, or how about five different starters at free safety, or five who started at H-Back, or five who punted.

**Falcons Hammer
Super Bowl
Champs at Home**
Sept. 18, 1988

Atlanta handed Super Bowl XXIII Champion 49ers their second worst defeat of the entire year 34-17 behind a potent offense and opportunistic defense. Touchdown runs by rookie James Primus (29 yds.) and Gerald Riggs (3 yds.) were complimented by Chris Miller's 1-yard bootleg for a score to end the first half as the upstart Falcons built a 21-3 lead at intermission and never looked back. The birds' defense picked off three Joe Montana passes (four total), and Robert Moore's 47 yard interception return for a score in the beginning of the 4th quarter put the exclamation point on a total team win. Riggs finished with 115 yards rushing and the Falcons could boast they had beaten the last two World Champions in back-to-back seasons.

Bombs Away!
Oct. 30, 1988

Young leader QB Chris Miller engineered a come-from-behind victory over eventual NFC East winning Eagles on the road behind some strong arm tactics. The former No. 1 pick threw scoring tosses of 19 and 17 yards to keep the score close. Then, trailing 24-20 with 9:20 left on the clock, Miller split two Eagle defenders and hit a striding Michael Haynes with a perfect 49-yard TD strike for the game winner (which snapped the Falcons five-game losing streak). It was the first time Miller passed for three TD's in a game in his short NFL career and marked a victorious return to Philadelphia for ex-Eagle coach Marion Campbell.

Stingy "D"
Nov. 6 - Dec. 18,
1988

The improving Falcon defense was among the best in the NFL during the second half of the '88 season. Atlanta's "baby boomers" (average age of 25) allowed only six touchdowns over the final seven games (three via pass) to rise to 11th place (tie) in the League in points allowed (19.7 per contest). The stingy unit was second in the League in points allowed over the last half of the season surrendering an average of 12 points per outing. Marion Campbell's crew was 7th in total takeaways with 38 in 1988 including 24 interceptions, which trailed only Vikings, Bears and Eagles.

**Making a Case
for Himself**
Nov. 6-27, 1988

CB Scott Case laid claim to a spot in the Pro Bowl by being named NFC Defensive Player of the Month for November. Case intercepted five passes (two each vs. Packers and Raiders), registered a forced fumble and QB sack and made 20 tackles with nine passes defended to help the Falcons to a 3-1 record during the month.

**Bruce Sacks
Award**
Nov. 23, 1988

Rookie OLB Aundray Bruce was honored as the NFC's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Falcons 12-6 victory over the Raiders. Bruce recorded two sacks, an interception, one forced fumble and one recovered fumble, two QB hurries and four tackles. The NFL's No. 1 draft pick sacked Raider QB Steve Beuerlein, which caused him to fumble, and Bruce recovered at LA's 12-yard line with 6:12 remaining in the game. The Falcons went on to score the winning touchdown and nail down their third victory in four games. Bruce's interception came while he was covering former Auburn teammate Bo Jackson 30-yards downfield.

Settling for a Place in History Dec. 18, 1988	RB John Settle put his name in the League's record book by becoming the first free agent in NFL history since the 1970 merger to gain 1,000 yards in a season as he rushed for 66 yards against the Saints to finish with 1,024. Paul Lowe (Chargers) and Clem Daniels (Raiders) of the AFL were the only other undrafted players to accomplish the feat (in 1963 and 1965). The former Appalachian State star was fourth in the NFL in total yards (1594) and the club leader in receptions with 68 as he garnered his first trip to the Pro Bowl.
A Case of a Perfect 10 Dec. 18, 1988	CB Scott Case picked off his 10th pass of the year against the Saints to finish atop the NFL charts. Case set a new Falcon record for interceptions in a season eclipsing the old mark of nine by Rolland Lawrence in 1975. The Oklahoma product stole seven passes in the second half of the season when the young Falcons defense began to jell.
Pro Bowl Bonanza 1988 season	Three Falcon players were voted to the NFC-AFC Pro Bowl for the first time since 1983. G Bill Fralic missed an opportunity to start his third straight game because of a knee problem. Case and Settle were voted in by their peers for the first time and helped the NFC win as Settle scored on a 1-yard TD run and Case held his own against the League's best receivers.
Two for One April, 1989	The Falcons ended up with two number one draft picks as Ken Herock selected CB Deion Sanders with the 5th overall pick, then later traded with Cincinnati to get the 27th pick and take WR Shawn Collins. Both would go on to earn all-Rookie NFL recognition.
Prime Time Scores Twice 1989	Deion "Prime Time" Sanders ends his lengthy Sept. contract holdout and reports to camp. He takes a Friday practice and Saturday walk through and puts on the football pads for the first time in seven months in the season opener vs. the Rams. In the first quarter, Deion returns a punt 68 yards for a touchdown. After hitting a home run for the New York Yankees earlier that week, it makes him the only modern day athlete to hit a HR and score a TD in the same week.
Herschel and GA Homecoming Sept. 17, 1989	Heisman trophy winning Herschel Walker returns to Homecoming, his native Georgia, for his first NFL game. The hometown Falcons spoil his party, but the sellout crowd enjoys a 27-21 Atlanta win over the Cowboys and Herschel.
Tragedy Nov.-Dec., 1989	Rookie offensive lineman, Ralph Norwood, is killed Nov. 24 in a single car accident in Gwinnett County on the day after Thanksgiving. Less than a month later, TE Brad Beckman is killed as a passenger in an auto accident on I-85 in Gwinnett County.
I Resign Nov. 28, 1989	Head Coach Marion Campbell announces his resignation after 12 games (3-9), leaving assistant Head Coach Jim Hanifan to take over for the final four games.
Good Job Dec. 1989	Guard Bill Fralic goes to a fourth consecutive Pro Bowl (the only guard in the NFL to do so). Rookie WR Shawn Collins leads all NFL rookies and sets a club rookie mark with 58 catches, while fellow rookie Deion Sanders gains post-season recognition by leading all rookie DB's with five thefts and gaining over 1,000 yards in returns.
Glanville Accepts Jan. 14, 1990	Former Falcons assistant and Houston Oilers head coach Jerry Glanville accepts the offer to become the Falcons Head Coach. The 48-year old returns to the team he helped to three playoffs and an NFC West title as defensive coordinator of the "Grits Blitz."

A First Feb. 27, 1990	Canadian All-Star QB Gilbert Renfro signs a free agent contract after four seasons with the Toronto Argonauts. The Tennessee State alum becomes the first black QB in Atlanta Falcons history.
Back in Black March 20, 1990	The Falcons announce plans for their 25th Anniversary season that include going back to their original black jerseys of 1966. In addition black helmets are unveiled along with the 25th anniversary logo patches for the uniforms.
Showstopping Trade April 20, 1990	With the number one pick overall in the Draft, the Falcons deal with the Colts for six-time Pro Bowl lineman, Chris Hinton, all-rookie WR Andre Rison, and next year's #1 pick.
That's Super! May 23, 1990	Falcons owner Rankin Smith leads the way in securing Super Bowl XXVIII for the City of Atlanta at the NFL Owners Meeting in Dallas.
Perfect! Aug., 1990	With a 45-14 rout of the New England Patriots, the Falcons close their first-ever undefeated preseason at 4-0, setting a TV viewing record in the process.
Heroes of the Heart Sept. 7, 1990	Coach Glanville and the Chambers Development Company team for a charity concert. Performers Gary Morris, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Kris Kristofferson come to Lakewood to kick off the opening Texas weekend.
Opening Day Sept. 9, 1990	Houston, Jerry Glanville's former team, comes to town to face the new black-clad Falcons. With the defense scoring three touchdowns, the Falcons win in a rout, 47-27, before a sellout crowd.
Reunion Oct. 14, 1990	Over 120 former Falcons return for the Alumni 25th Anniversary dinner-dance at the Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead. The Falcons also had honorary alumni as captains at every home game in '90.
National TV Oct. 28, 1990	With a national TV audience watching for the first time since 1984, the Falcons storm the Cincinnati Bengals, 38-17. The prime time viewers see "Prime Time" Deion Sanders set a club record with a 79-yard punt return TD in what was TNT's highest rated game of the season.
Happy Ending Dec. 30, 1990	With the Dallas Cowboys coming to town, needing a win to secure a playoff berth, the Falcons close out with a second straight win and a 26-7 romp behind a club record 68-yard run by Mike Rozier. The Falcons donated 2,000 tickets from the sellout to the USO for servicemen to attend.
What a Catch 1990 Season	WR Andre Rison sets a club mark with 82 pass receptions en route to a Pro Bowl berth.
Improvement 1990 Season	The Falcons led the NFL with a 3.3 per carry rush defense as the improving birds moved up in over 20 statistical categories from the previous season.
Two-Timer Jan. 30, 1991	Deion Sanders becomes both an Atlanta Brave and an Atlanta Falcon as he signs a baseball contract. He's the first to play two sports in the same city in 30 years.
Stock Sale March 28, 1991	A pair of Atlanta businessmen join the Board of Directors by acquiring 6% each of the outstanding stock of the company. John P. Inlay, Jr., 54, and attorney Tom Watson Brown, 58, join the team.
Big Ben III Rings Nov. 3, 1991	QB Billy Joe Tolliver, subbing for injured Chris Miller, lofted a 44-yard "Big Ben" pass caught in a crowd of seven players by WR Michael Haynes with nine seconds remaining. That gave the Falcons a 17-14 victory and season sweep over the San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco had just taken the lead with only 53 seconds left in the game.

Coming Up 3's Nov. 17, 1991	The Falcons go on a scoring spree in the second quarter and set a new club record for most points in one quarter with 33. WR Andre Rison scores 3 TD's (18 of the 33 points) with scores of 39, 12 and 15 yards. Rison also tied a club record for most points scored by an individual in a game. The 33 in a quarter were seventh highest ever in NFL history.
West Coast Sweep	Atlanta recorded an NFL rarity by sweeping all western opponents either on the road or at home. The Falcons were 7-0, defeating the Rams and the 49ers twice, along with the Raiders, Chargers and the Seahawks. Atlanta was the only team in 1991 to defeat the 49ers in Candlestick Park.
Kenn's 200th Nov. 24, 1991	LT Mike Kenn surpassed the 200 games played and started at New Orleans in his 14th season with the Falcons. Mike currently stands second behind OL Jeff Van Note, who played in 246 games and started 225.
Long Flights	WR Michael Haynes led the entire NFL in average yardage per catch with a 22.4 rate (the NFL's highest since 1983). Mike had 50 receptions on the year for 1,122 yards and 11 touchdowns. His 11 touchdown catches averaged 44.9 yards per play as he recorded 12 receptions over 30 yards.
Prince of Thieves	CB's Deion Sanders and Tim McKyer both co-led the NFC in interceptions with six thefts apiece.
100 Yards - Hammer Time!! Oct. 13, 1991	Deion Sanders took a second half Forty-Niner kickoff a club record 100 yards for a touchdown to put the birds back on top and helped in giving the Falcons the only NFL win all year in San Francisco. Rap star Hammer became the Falcons official good luck charm as this was the first visit of many in the 1991 season. Deion, Rison, and Glanville had recently appeared in Hammer's popular video "Too Legit To Quit."
National OT Victory Nov. 24, 1991	The Falcons scored 10 points in the last two minutes of regulation to send the New Orleans game into overtime on ESPN's Pigout Game of the Week. A 54-yard completion from QB Chris Miller to WR Michael Haynes set up the 50-yard field goal by K Norm Johnson for the OT win before ESPN's largest TV audience of the season.
The Tuggle Struggle	Falcon LB Jessie Tuggle, who has had over 200 consecutive tackles the past two seasons, has led the entire NFL in tackles only to be forgotten when All-Pro teams and Pro Bowl selections were made. A 1992 Pro Bowl selection rejection, Tuggle was recognized as a first team All-Pro pick by Sports Illustrated.
4 of a Kind	CB Deion Sanders, WR Andre Rison, QB Chris Miller and RT Chris Hinton all represented the Falcons in the 1992 Pro Bowl. Miller tossed the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter to WR Jerry Rice for an NFC victory. Sanders had one interception and also saw action on offense late in the game. Rison had two receptions as well. Hinton became the first NFL player to be voted in at three different positions.
Road Kill	The Falcons made club history as they swept through their NFC West road trips by defeating the Rams 31-14 in Anaheim, dropping New Orleans in Overtime 23-20 at the Superdome, and by giving the 49ers their only loss in 1991 at Candlestick Park 39-34. This was the first time ever the birds had beaten all their division rivals on the road.

**One Last Time
A Final Game
Outdoors**
Dec. 15, 1991

A sellout crowd witnessed the Falcons' final home game of the 1991 season, as well as the birds' final game in Fulton-County Stadium. Atlanta defeated the Seattle Seahawks' 26-13, to run their home win streak to five straight. NFL thieves Tim McKyer and Deion Sanders combined on a 55-yard interception and lateral for a memorable touchdown. On hand with the 59,000 fans were Hammer, World Heavy Weight Champion Evander Holyfield, singer Waynie Newton, and country and western group Diamond Rio.

Playoff Win!
Dec. 29, 1991

On the road at arch-rival New Orleans on ABC's national TV, the Falcons came from 10 points down to win their first-ever Playoff game away from home. New Orleans native Michael Haynes scored two touchdowns, including the game winning 61-yarder in the fourth quarter, then CB Tim McKyer ended any suspense by intercepting a pass.

**The First Game
in the New Dome**
Aug. 23, 1992

A sold-out crowd (66,834 actual) and a national TV audience (ABC) on this Sunday afternoon saw the Falcons win the first-ever football game in the new Georgia Dome, 20-10, over the Philadelphia Eagles. While the Eagles' Ian Howfield kicked a 33-yard FG for the first points ever, the Falcons hooked up on their first play in the Dome for a 76-yard TD pass (Chris Miller to Michael Haynes). While all fans received a special souvenir ticket and commemorative pin, the day of entertainment included performances by megastar MC Hammer, doing the "Too Legit to Quit" theme song of the team, plus a Georgia native halftime show featuring major country recording stars Travis Tritt, Alan Jackson, Trisha Yearwood, Doug Stone, and T. Graham Brown. Recording star John Denver preformed the national anthem, while Las Vegas boxing announcer Michael Buffer began the proceedings with his trademark, "Let's get ready to rumble." The pre-game festivities also included a 100-yard red ribbon cutting by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Falcons owner Rankin M. Smith.

**This First One
Counts as A "W"**
Sept. 6, 1992

In the regular season opener in the Dome, the Falcons scored on their first four possessions en route to a 20-17 win over the New York Jets before a sellout of 65,585. The first play saw rookie RB Tony Smith run for 32 yards and the first points came on a Norm Johnson 25-yard FG. Just 17 seconds later, the Falcons scored the first TD in the Dome on a Chris Miller-to-Michael Haynes pass of 14 yards. Miller and Haynes hooked up again on an 11-yard play later in the first quarter as the Birds ran up a 17-0 lead. In the second period, Norm Johnson tied a club record with a 54-yard FG. Miller's 72% passing (21-29) and 117 yards from the ground game led the Falcons to victory.

A Capital Loss
Sept. 13, 1992

On the defending Super Bowl champion's turf the Falcons made several big plays, but came up one big play short in a 24-17 loss. Right after rookie Heisman Trophy winner, Desmond Howard, went 55 yards off a lateral on a punt return, Deion Sanders touched the ball for the first time in the '92 season and sped 99 yards with the kickoff return. Later in that quarter, speedy Michael Haynes put his name in the Falcons record book with the longest play from scrimmage, an 89-yard reception, as he outran Darrell Green. With under four minutes to go, the Falcons had driven to the Redskins' nine-yard line, but an end zone interception saved the day for Washington.

Pitch-and-Catch
Sept. 27, 1992

At Soldier Field, Chris Miller hit 30-48 passes for 351 yards and a club record-tying four TD's, while Andre Rison had a personal best 10 catches for 177 yards and a club record-tying three TD catches. Unfortunately, the Falcons defense gave up 489 yards and five TD's in a 41-31 loss.

Double Duty
Oct. 11, 1992

Deion Sanders pulled off yet another first by participating in two pro sports in the SAME DAY. On Saturday night, he played in the Braves Playoff game in Pittsburgh, flew to Miami to play for the Falcons, then flew back to Pittsburgh for a game Sunday night. His presence helped the Falcons hold Dan Marino to a rare game without a TD pass, but the Falcons lost a 17-7 third quarter lead to bow, 21-17.

**Bad News,
Good News**
Nov. 1, 1992

In the third quarter vs. the Rams in the Dome, Chris Miller tore a knee ligament and was lost for the season on a run up the middle on a play he was never touched. The good news this day was that Billy Joe Tolliver came off the bench to produce a 13-yard TD to Haynes early in the 4th quarter that led the Birds to a 30-28 victory. Rookie RB Tony Smith led the Falcons with a 60-yard KOR, a 45-yard PR, and 19 rushes for 58 yards and a TD (163 total yards).

Shut 'Em Out
Nov. 29, 1992

The Falcons defense posted the first shut out since 1988 in a 34-0 rout of the New England Patriots. Atlanta allowed just 15 net yards passing, second best in club history, and just 105 total yards with five QB sacks, two pass interceptions (both by Deion) and two fumble recoveries. Rookie Tony Smith had another hot day with an 8.1 rush average (10-81-1 td) and a 15-yard average on PR (5-75) for 151 yards.

**Bourbon Street
Blues**
Dec. 3, 1992

On ESPN national TV, the Falcons and Saints hooked up in a typical divisional warfare. After two big wins in New Orleans in '91, the Falcons rallied this time from a nine-point deficit to take the lead, 14-12, with just 4:14 left in the game. The Saints rallied for a FG with 1:50 left with a big 25-yard pass play that should have been nullified when T Stan Brock punched Falcons DE Chuck Smith to the sidelines. Deion Sanders set a Falcons club record with 245 return yards that included a 60-yard KOR, a 50-yard KOR and a 55-yard lateral off an interception.

Five Times Six
Dec. 13, 1992

QB Wade Wilson made his first start as a Falcon and filled the Tampa Bay skies with 19-24 passes for 324 yards and a club record five touchdown passes in a 35-7 bombing raid. Deion played WR for 12 plays and scored a 37-yard TD, while Haynes had 113 yards, two TD's and a 60-yard strike.

600 for Drew
Dec. 27, 1992

In the season finale at his first team, the Rams, Drew Hill moved into the top 10 in NFL history with his 600th pass reception and his 28th 100-yard game (8-107-1 TD).

**Of Passing
Interest:**
The '92 Season

The Falcons led the NFL with a club record 33-TD passes and became the only team to have 30 or more TD's in both '91 and '92. The 336 pass completions were a club season best as were the 194 passing first downs. Andre Rison set a club record with 93 receptions and became the first player in NFL history to have 300 catches in their first four years in the League. The Rison-Haynes tandem netted 21 TD's to lead the NFL for a second straight year (23 in '91). Mike Pritchard's 77 catches were the 5th most in club history, 9th in the NFL. Wade Wilson finished with three consecutive 300-yard games (324, 342, 374) and 10 TD's in those three games and two consecutive 30-completion games.

Did You Know!

The NFL will add two expansion teams to begin play in 1995. The two new League cities will be named this fall at an NFL owners meeting. Falcons owner Rankin Smith is a member of the expansion committee that has been studying prospective sites and will make their recommendations to the League. Two of the five finalists (Baltimore, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Memphis and St. Louis) will be the first new members of the NFL since Tampa Bay and Seattle were added in 1976.

Preseason Results

(OVERALL RECORD: 53-72-1)

1966 (1-4)

Philadelphia at Atlanta (20,072)	7-9
St. Louis at St. Louis (34,303)	10-20
NY Giants at Nashville (20,945)	7-14
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548)	3-42
San Francisco at Columbia (21,780)	24-17

1967 (2-2-1)

NY Giants at Ithaca (20,000)	10-10
Miami at Miami (50,822)	27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240)	34-31
Minnesota at Cleveland (1st game of doubleheader) (84,236)	3-16
NO at New Orleans (67,486)	14-27

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42,180)	14-16
NY Giants at Nashville (14,555)	13-17
NY Jets at Birmingham (27,406)	12-27
NO at Atlanta (49,832)	16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122)	13-19

1969 (2-4)

Philadelphia at Portland (21,625)	13-7
Boston at Boston (24,084)	34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990)	7-24
NO at New Orleans (69,898)	17-21
KC at Kansas City (37,273)	10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411)	24-38

1970 (4-1)

NY Jets at Winston-Salem (19,700)	33-7
Washington at Washington (35,186)	13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990)	22-17
Buffalo at Buffalo (30,869)	10-7
Miami at Miami (50,259)	20-17

1971 (3-2)

Kansas City at KC (37,403)	10-12
Denver at Memphis (22,474)	27-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090)	35-24
New England at Foxboro (48,631)	45-35
San Diego at San Diego (32,555)	14-21

1972 (1-4)

San Diego at San Diego (41,404)	7-30
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (53,288)	17-31
Miami at Miami (75,372)	10-24
New York Jets at Atlanta (37,806)	3-9
Cincinnati at Cincinnati (55,804)	44-14

1973 (2-3)

Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122)	34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238)	27-10
Cleveland at Knoxville, Tenn. (40,831)	17-20
Cincinnati at Atlanta (55,863)	20-31
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (50,350)	0-19

1974 (4-2)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (15,379)	23-7
Oakland at Berkeley (34,319)	16-28
Cincinnati at Grant Field (44,127)	7-13
Houston at Houston (27,116)	10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085)	23-7
Denver at Denver (43,253)	20-14

1975 (3-3)

Washington at Washington (18,444)	16-14
Baltimore at Lincoln, Neb. (43,097)	10-3
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878)	7-22
NY Jets at Atlanta (34,387)	13-16
Buffalo at Tampa, Fla. (41,212)	14-16
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675)	17-14

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808)	10-17
Cleveland at Stillwater, Okla. (24,227)	7-31
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Fla. (11,342)	3-17
New England at Atlanta (23,495)	17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986)	21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989)	26-7

1977 (3-3)

St. Louis at St. Louis (24,667)	3-0
NY Jets at Atlanta (28,954)	2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239)	2-10
Tampa Bay at Orlando (31,123)	30-21
Kansas City at Kansas City (22,748)	24-16
New England at New England (41,346)	10-29

1978 (2-2)

New York Jets at New York (31,480)	20-17
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (46,444)	7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306)	7-24
Washington at Washington (29,487)	10-7

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228)	14-37
St. Louis at St. Louis (39,705)	17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478)	6-16
Green Bay at Green Bay (55,416)	35-45

1980 (1-3)

Seattle at Seattle (59,555)	10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695)	14-17
San Diego at San Diego (47,184)	9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983)	51-35

1981 (2-3)

Cleveland at Canton, O (23,921)	10-24
Oakland at Oakland (42,697)	16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163)	21-20
Minnesota at Minnesota (42,908)	19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688)	27-7

1982 (2-2)

Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831)	20-17
Baltimore at Phoenix (56,748)	3-34
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175)	24-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (62,933)	0-34

1983 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (46,052)	13-10
Denver at Denver (73,199)	10-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (57,237)	6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420)	10-7

1984 (1-3)

Minnesota at Minnesota (51,693)	6-37
New Orleans at New Orleans (58,502)	21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610)	52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988)	13-24

1985 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (30,574)	14-17
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040)	23-17

Green Bay at Milwaukee (49,703)	24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768)	19-17

1986 (2-2)

New York Giants at Atlanta (25,445)	31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797)	20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637)	21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619)	21-29

1987 (1-3)

Buffalo at Atlanta (31,166)	19-14
Kansas City at Kansas City (39,164)	10-13
Cleveland at Atlanta (35,960)	3-23
New England at Jacksonville (59,129)	13-14

1988 (2-2)

New England at New England (32,949)	34-30
Kansas City at Atlanta (23,369)	13-27
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (18,141)	19-14
Washington at Birmingham (51,400)	17-34

1989 (1-3)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (40,145)	17-23
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (28,330)	0-27
New England at Atlanta (21,118)	7-23
Buffalo at Jacksonville (41,813)	36-17

1990 (4-0)

Washington at Chapel Hill, N.C. (52,036)	31-27
Cincinnati at Atlanta (43,472)	34-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (51,069)	17-14
New England at New England (24,106)	45-14

1991 (2-2)

L.A. Rams at Jacksonville (66,531)	38-17
Houston at Houston (52,140)	36-7
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (41,983)	7-12
Dallas at Dallas (53,689) OT	17-20

1992 (1-3)

Cleveland at Cleveland (59,566)	0-7
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (37,000)	28-40
Philadelphia at Atlanta (66,834)	20-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (62,565)	21-27

Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)

Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-11	Los Angeles	14	19	L	54,418
9-18	at Philadelphia	10	23	L	54,049
9-25	at Detroit	10	28	L	47,615
10-2	Dallas	14	47	L	55,990
10-9	at Washington	20	33	L	50,116
10-16	San Francisco	7	44	L	54,788
10-23	at Green Bay	3	56	L	48,623
10-30	Cleveland	17	49	L	57,235
11-13	Baltimore	7	19	L	58,850
11-20	at New York Giants	27	16	W	62,746
11-27	at Chicago	6	23	L	44,777
12-4	at Minnesota	20	13	W	37,117
12-11	St Louis	16	10	W	57,169
12-18	Pittsburgh	33	57	L	56,229
		204	437		

1967 (1-12-1)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-17	at Baltimore	31	38	L	56,715
9-24	at San Francisco	7	38	L	30,207
10-1	at Green Bay	0	23	L	49,467
10-8	Philadelphia	7	38	L	53,868
10-15	Washington	20	20	T	56,538
10-22	at Detroit	3	24	L	50,601
10-29	Minnesota	21	20	W	52,859
11-5	at Dallas	7	37	L	54,751
11-12	Baltimore	7	49	L	58,850
11-19	Los Angeles	3	31	L	56,871
11-20	at New Orleans	24	27	L	83,437
12-3	at Los Angeles	3	20	L	46,395
12-10	San Francisco	28	34	L	51,798
12-17	Chicago	14	23	L	54,107
		75	422		

1968 (2-12)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-9), Norb Hecker (0-3)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-14	at Minnesota	7	47	L	45,563
9-22	Baltimore	20	28	L	50,428
9-29	at San Francisco	13	28	L	27,471
10-6	Green Bay	7	38	L	58,850
10-13	New York Giants	24	21	W	49,962
10-20	at Los Angeles	14	27	L	54,443
10-27	at Cleveland	7	30	L	67,723
11-3	Pittsburgh	21	41	L	47,727
11-10	Los Angeles	10	17	L	53,979
11-17	at Chicago	16	13	W	44,214
11-24	at St. Louis	12	17	L	43,246
12-1	at Baltimore	0	44	L	60,238
12-8	Detroit	7	24	L	49,437
12-15	San Francisco	12	14	L	44,977
		70	389		

1969 (6-8)

Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-21	San Francisco	24	12	W	45,940
9-28	at Los Angeles	7	17	L	58,031
10-5	Baltimore	14	21	L	57,806
10-12	Dallas	17	24	L	54,833
10-19	at San Francisco	21	7	W	28,684
10-26	at Green Bay	10	28	L	50,861
11-2	Los Angeles	6	38	L	58,850
11-9	at Detroit	21	27	L	53,242
11-16	Chicago	48	31	W	53,722
11-23	at Washington	20	27	L	50,345
11-30	at Baltimore	6	13	L	60,238
12-7	New Orleans	45	17	W	51,021
12-14	at Philadelphia	27	3	W	60,658
12-21	Minnesota	10	3	W	52,872
		276	268		

1970 (4-8-2)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-20	at New Orleans	14	3	W	77,042
9-27	at Green Bay	24	27	L	56,283
10-4	San Francisco	21	20	W	58,850
10-11	at Dallas	0	13	L	53,611
10-18	at Denver	10	24	L	50,705
10-25	New Orleans	32	14	W	58,850
11-1	Chicago	14	23	L	58,850
11-8	at Los Angeles	10	10	T	67,232
11-15	at Philadelphia	13	13	T	55,425
11-22	Los Angeles	7	17	L	58,850
11-30	Miami	7	20	L	54,036
12-6	at San Francisco	20	24	L	41,387
12-13	Pittsburgh	27	16	W	54,162
12-20	Minnesota	7	37	L	57,992
		206	261		

1971 (7-6-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-19	San Francisco	20	17	W	56,990
9-26	at Los Angeles	20	20	T	57,895
10-3	at Detroit	38	41	L	54,418
10-10	St Louis	9	26	L	58,850
10-17	Los Angeles	16	24	L	58,850
10-24	New Orleans	28	6	W	58,850
10-31	at Cleveland	31	14	W	76,825
11-7	at Cincinnati	9	6	W	59,604
11-14	New York Giants	17	21	L	58,850
11-22	Green Bay	28	21	W	58,850
11-28	at Minnesota	7	24	L	49,784
12-5	Oakland	24	13	W	58,850
12-12	at San Francisco	3	24	L	44,582
12-19	at New Orleans	24	20	W	75,954
		274	277		

1972 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-17	at Chicago	37	21	W	55,701
9-24	at New England	20	21	L	60,999
10-1	Los Angeles	31	3	W	58,850
10-8	Detroit	23	26	L	58,850
10-15	at New Orleans	21	14	W	66,294
10-22	at Green Bay Mil	10	9	W	47,967
10-29	San Francisco	14	49	L	58,850
11-5	at Los Angeles	7	20	L	75,081
11-12	New Orleans	36	20	W	58,850
11-20	at Washington	13	24	L	53,039
11-26	Denver	23	20	W	58,850
12-3	Houston	20	10	W	58,850
12-10	at San Francisco	0	20	L	61,214
12-17	Kansas City	14	17	L	58,850
		269	274		

1974 (3-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-6);

Marion Campbell (1-5)

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-15	Dallas	0	24	L	57,322
9-22	San Francisco	10	16	L	47,686
9-29	at New Orleans	13	14	L	62,273
10-6	at New York Giants	14	7	W	50,415
10-13	Chicago	13	10	W	47,835
10-20	New Orleans	3	13	L	47,127
10-28	at Pittsburgh	17	24	L	46,094
11-3	at Miami	7	42	L	64,399
11-10	at Los Angeles	0	21	L	70,056
11-17	Baltimore	7	17	L	41,278
11-24	at San Francisco	0	27	L	45,435
12-1	Los Angeles	7	30	L	18,648
12-7	at Minnesota	10	23	L	47,105
12-15	Green Bay	10	3	W	10,020
		111	271		

1976 (4-10)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4), Pat Pepler (3-6)

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-12	Los Angeles	14	30	L	53,607
9-19	at Detroit	10	24	L	50,840
9-26	at Chicago	10	0	W	41,029
10-3	Philadelphia	13	14	L	45,535
10-10	at New Orleans	0	30	L	51,521
10-17	Cleveland	17	20	L	33,364
10-23	at San Francisco	0	15	L	50,240
10-31	New Orleans	23	20	W	34,127
11-7	at Seattle	13	30	L	57,985
11-14	San Francisco	21	16	W	20,058
11-21	Dallas	17	10	W	54,992
11-28	at Houston	14	20	L	25,838
12-4	at Los Angeles	0	59	L	57,366
12-12	Green Bay	20	24	L	23,436
		172	312		

1973 (9-5)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-16	at New Orleans	62	7	W	66,428
9-23	at Los Angeles	0	31	L	64,528
10-1	at Detroit	6	31	L	45,519
10-7	San Francisco	9	13	L	58,850
10-14	Chicago	46	6	W	58,850
10-21	at San Diego	41	0	W	41,527
10-28	at San Francisco	17	3	W	56,825
11-4	Los Angeles	15	13	W	58,850
11-11	at Philadelphia	44	27	W	63,114
11-19	Minnesota	20	14	W	58,850
11-25	at New York Jets	28	20	W	61,327
12-2	Buffalo	6	17	L	58,850
12-9	St. Louis	10	32	L	58,850
12-16	New Orleans	14	10	W	58,850
		318	224		

1975 (4-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-21	at St. Louis	20	23	L	42,172
9-28	Detroit	14	17	L	45,218
10-5	New Orleans	14	7	W	29,444
10-12	at San Francisco	17	3	W	44,043
10-19	at Los Angeles	7	22	L	64,843
10-26	Cincinnati	14	21	L	45,811
11-2	at New Orleans	7	23	L	49,342
11-9	at Minnesota	0	38	L	43,751
11-16	Los Angeles	7	16	L	44,595
11-23	Denver	35	21	W	28,686
11-30	at Oakland	34	37	L	50,860
12-7	Washington	27	30	L	52,809
12-14	San Francisco	31	9	W	38,501
12-21	at Green Bay	13	22	L	56,267
		240	289		

1977 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-18	Los Angeles	17	6	W	55,956
9-25	at Washington	6	10	L	55,031
10-2	New York Giants	17	3	W	46,374
10-9	at San Francisco	7	0	W	38,009
10-16	at Buffalo	0	3	L	27,348
10-23	at Chicago	16	10	W	49,407
10-30	Minnesota	7	14	L	59,257
11-6	San Francisco	3	10	L	46,577
11-13	Detroit	17	6	W	47,451
11-20	at New Orleans	20	21	L	43,135
11-27	at Tampa Bay	17	0	W	43,592
12-4	New England	10	16	L	57,911
12-11	at Los Angeles	7	23	L	52,574
12-18	New Orleans	35	7	W	36,895
		179	129		

1978 (9-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

NFC Wildcard Team

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-3 Houston	20	14	W 57,328
9-10 at Los Angeles	0	10	L 46,201
9-17 Cleveland	16	24	L 56,648
9-24 at Tampa Bay	9	14	L 58,072
10-1 New York Giants	23	20	W 47,765
10-8 at Pittsburgh	7	31	L 48,202
10-15 Detroit	14	0	W 51,172
10-22 at San Francisco	20	17	W 34,133
10-30 Los Angeles	15	7	W 57,250
11-5 San Francisco	21	10	W 55,468
11-12 at New Orleans	20	17	W 70,323
11-19 at Chicago	7	13	L 46,022
11-26 New Orleans	20	17	W 55,121
12-3 at Cincinnati	7	37	L 25,601
12-10 Washington	20	17	W 54,176
12-17 at St. Louis	21	42	L 40,022
12-24 Philadelphia	14	13	W 49,447
12-31 at Dallas	20	27	L 60,338
	240	290	

1980 (12-4)

NFC Western Division Champion

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-7 at Minnesota	23	24	L 44,773
9-14 at New England	37	21	W 48,321
9-21 Miami	17	20	L 54,479
9-28 at San Francisco	20	17	W 56,518
10-5 Detroit	43	28	W 57,652
10-12 New York Jets	7	14	L 57,458
10-19 at New Orleans	41	14	W 62,651
10-26 Los Angeles	13	10	W 57,401
11-2 at Buffalo	30	14	W 57,959
11-9 at St. Louis	33	27ot	W 48,662
11-16 New Orleans	31	13	W 53,871
11-23 Chicago	28	17	W 49,164
11-30 Washington	10	6	W 55,665
12-7 at Philadelphia	20	17	W 70,205
12-14 San Francisco	35	10	W 55,767
12-21 at Los Angeles	17	20ot	L 62,469
1-4 Dallas	27	30	L 60,022
	405	272	

1982 (5-4)

Fifth Place, NFC

Coach Leeman Sennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-12 at NY Giants	16	14	W 74,286
9-19 L.A. Raiders	14	38	L 54,774
9-21 L.A. Rams	34	17	W 39,686
11-28 St. Louis	20	23	L 33,411
12-5 at Denver	34	17	W 75,103
12-12 New Orleans	35	0	W 39,535
12-19 at San Francisco	17	7	W 53,234
12-26 Green Bay	7	38	L 50,245
1-2 at New Orleans	6	35	L 47,336
* at Minnesota	24	30	L 60,560

* NFC Playoffs

No Division titles declared

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1979 (6-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-2 at New Orleans	40	34 ot	W 70,940
9-10 at Philadelphia	14	10	W 55,935
9-16 Denver	17	20 ot	L 57,677
9-23 at Detroit	23	24	L 56,249
9-30 Washington	7	16	L 56,819
10-7 Green Bay	25	7	W 56,184
10-14 at Oakland	19	50	L 52,900
10-21 at San Francisco	15	20	L 33,952
10-29 Seattle	28	31	L 52,566
11-4 Tampa Bay	17	14	W 55,150
11-11 at NY Giants	3	24	L 60,860
11-19 at Los Angeles	14	20	L 54,097
11-25 New Orleans	6	37	L 42,815
12-2 at San Diego	28	26	W 50,198
12-9 Los Angeles	13	34	L 49,236
12-16 San Francisco	31	21	W 37,211
	300	388	

1981 (7-9)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-6 New Orleans	27	0	W 57,406
9-13 at Green Bay	31	17	W 55,382
9-20 San Francisco	34	17	W 56,653
9-27 at Cleveland	17	28	L 78,283
10-5 at Philadelphia	13	16	L 71,488
10-11 Los Angeles	35	37	L 57,841
10-18 St. Louis	41	20	W 51,428
10-25 NY Giants	24	27ot	L 48,410
11-1 at New Orleans	41	10	W 63,637
11-8 at San Francisco	14	17	L 59,127
11-15 Pittsburgh	20	34	L 57,485
11-23 Minnesota	31	30	W 54,086
11-29 at Houston	31	27	W 40,201
12-6 at Tampa Bay	23	24	L 69,221
12-14 at Los Angeles	16	21	L 57,054
12-20 Cincinnati	28	30	L 35,972
	426	355	

1983 (7-9)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	Atl.	Opp.	
9-4 at Chicago	20	17	W 60,165
9-11 New York Giants	13	16ot	L 52,850
9-18 at Detroit	30	14	W 54,622
9-25 at San Francisco	20	24	L 57,814
10-2 Philadelphia	24	28	L 50,621
10-9 New Orleans	17	19	L 51,654
10-16 at L.A. Rams	21	27	L 50,404
10-23 at NY Jets	27	21	W 46,878
10-30 New England	24	13	W 47,546
11-6 at New Orleans	10	27	L 67,062
11-14 L.A. Rams	13	36	L 31,203
11-20 San Francisco	28	24	W 32,782
11-27 Green Bay	47	41ot	W 35,688
12-4 at Washington	21	37	L 52,074
12-10 at Miami	24	31	L 56,725
12-18 Buffalo	31	14	W 31,015
	370	389	

1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36	28	W	66,652
9-9	Detroit	24	27	L	49,878
9-16	at Minnesota	20	27	L	53,955
9-23	Houston	42	10	W	45,248
9-30	at San Francisco	5	14	L	57,990
10-7	at Los Angeles	30	28	W	47,832
10-14	NY Giants	7	19	L	50,268
10-22	Los Angeles	10	24	L	52,861
10-28	at Pittsburgh	10	35	L	55,971
11-5	at Washington	14	27	L	51,301
11-11	New Orleans	13	17	L	40,590
11-18	Cleveland	7	23	L	28,280
11-25	at Cincinnati	14	35	L	44,678
12-2	San Francisco	17	35	L	29,644
12-9	at Tampa Bay	6	23	L	33,808
12-16	Philadelphia	26	10	W	15,582
		281	382		

1986 (7-8-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-7	at New Orleans	31	10	W	67,950
9-14	St. Louis	33	13	W	46,463
9-21	at Dallas	37	35	W	62,880
9-28	at Tampa Bay	23	20	W	38,950
10-5	Philadelphia	0	16	L	57,104
10-12	L.A. Rams	26	14	W	51,662
10-19	San Francisco	10	10	T	55,306
10-26	at L.A. Rams	7	14	L	56,993
11-2	at New England	17	25	L	60,597
11-9	NY Jets	14	28	L	53,476
11-16	Chicago	10	13	L	55,520
11-23	at San Francisco	0	20	L	58,747
11-30	at Miami	20	14	W	53,762
12-7	Indianapolis	23	28	L	30,397
12-14	New Orleans	9	14	L	39,994
12-21	at Detroit	20	6	W	35,255
		280	280		

1988 (5-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Detroit	17	31	L	31,075
9-11	New Orleans	21	29	L	48,901
9-18	at San Francisco	34	17	W	60,188
9-25	at Dallas	20	26	L	39,702
10-2	Seattle	20	31	L	28,619
10-9	L.A. Rams	0	33	L	30,852
10-16	at Denver	14	30	L	75,287
10-23	NY Giants	16	23	L	45,092
10-30	at Philadelphia	27	24	W	60,091
11-6	Green Bay	20	0	W	29,952
11-13	San Diego	7	10	L	26,329
11-20	at L.A. Raiders	12	6	W	40,967
11-27	Tampa Bay	17	10	W	14,020
12-4	San Francisco	3	13	L	44,048
12-11	at L.A. Rams	7	22	L	42,826
12-18	at New Orleans	9	10	L	60,566
		244	315		

1985 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-8	Detroit	27	28	L	37,785
9-15	at San Francisco	16	35	L	58,923
9-22	Denver	28	44	L	37,903
9-29	at L.A. Rams	6	17	L	49,870
10-6	San Francisco	17	38	L	44,740
10-13	at Seattle	26	30	L	60,430
10-20	New Orleans	31	24	W	44,784
10-27	at Dallas	10	24	L	57,941
11-3	Washington	10	44	L	42,209
11-10	at Philadelphia	17	23	L	63,694
11-17	L.A. Rams	30	14	W	29,960
11-24	at Chicago	0	36	L	65,790
12-1	L.A. Raiders	24	34	L	20,585
12-8	at Kansas City	10	38	L	18,199
12-15	Minnesota	14	13	W	14,167
12-22	at New Orleans	16	10	W	37,717
		282	452		

1987 (3-12)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-13	at Tampa Bay	10	48	L	51,250
9-20	Washington	21	20	W	50,882
9-27	at New Orleans (cancelled)				
10-4	Pittsburgh	12	28	L	16,667
* 10-11	San Francisco	17	25	L	8,684
10-18	Los Angeles	24	20	W	15,813
10-25	at Houston	33	37	L	29,082
11-1	New Orleans	0	38	L	42,196
11-8	at Cleveland	3	38	L	71,135
11-15	Cincinnati	10	16	L	25,758
11-22	at Minnesota	13	24	L	53,866
11-29	St. Louis	21	34	L	15,909
12-6	at Dallas	21	10	W	40,103
12-13	at Los Angeles	0	33	L	43,310
* 12-20	at San Francisco	7	35	L	54,698
12-27	Detroit	13	30	L	13,906
		205	436		

* Site change due to baseball playoffs

1989 (3-13)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (3-9), Jim Hanitan (0-4)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-10	L.A. Rams	21	31	L	38,708
9-17	Dallas	27	21	W	55,285
9-24	at Indianapolis	9	13	L	57,816
10-1	at Green Bay	21	23	L	54,647
10-8	at L.A. Rams	14	26	L	52,182
10-15	New England	16	15	W	39,697
10-22	at Phoenix	20	34	L	33,894
10-29	at New Orleans	13	20	L	65,153
11-5	Buffalo	30	28	W	45,267
11-12	at San Francisco	3	45	L	59,914
11-19	New Orleans	17	26	L	53,173
11-26	at New York Jets	7	27	L	40,429
12-3	San Francisco	10	23	L	43,128
12-10	at Minnesota	17	43	L	58,116
12-17	Washington	30	31	L	37,501
12-24	Detroit	24	31	L	7,792
		279	437		

1990 (5-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-9	Houston	47	27	W 56,222
9-16	at Detroit	14	21ot	L 48,961
9-23	at San Francisco	13	19	L 62,858
10-7	New Orleans	28	27	W 57,401
10-14	San Francisco	35	45	L 57,921
10-21	at L.A. Rams	24	44	L 54,761
10-28	Cincinnati	38	17	W 53,214
11-4	at Pittsburgh	9	21	L 57,093
11-11	at Chicago	24	30	L 62,855
11-18	Philadelphia	23	24	L 53,755
11-25	at New Orleans	7	10	L 68,629
12-2	at Tampa Bay	17	23	L 42,839
12-9	Phoenix	13	24	L 36,222
12-16	at Cleveland	10	13	L 46,536
12-23	L.A. Rams	20	13	W 30,021
12-30	Dallas	26	7	W 50,097
		348	365	

1991

Second Place, NFC Western Division

NFC Wild Card Team

Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-1	at Kansas City	3	14	L 74,246
9-8	Minnesota	19	20	L 50,936
9-15	at San Diego	13	10	W 44,804
9-22	L.A. Raiders	21	17	W 53,615
9-29	New Orleans	6	27	L 56,556
10-13	at San Francisco	39	34	W 57,343
10-20	at Phoenix	10	16	L 24,124
10-27	L.A. Rams	31	14	W 50,187

*11-3	San Francisco	17	14	W 51,259
11-10	at Washington	17	56	L 52,641
11-17	Tampa Bay	43	7	W 41,274
11-24	at New Orleans	23	20	W 68,591
12-1	Green Day	35	31	W 43,270
12-8	at L.A. Rams	31	14	W 35,315
12-15	Seattle	26	13	W 55,834
12-22	at Dallas	27	31	L 60,962
12-29	at New Orleans	20	17	W 68,794
1-4-92	at Washington	7	24	L 55,181

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* Site change due to baseball playoffs

1992 (6-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-6	NY Jets	20	17	W 65,585
9-13	at Washington	17	24	L 54,343
9-20	New Orleans	7	10	L 67,328
9-27	at Chicago	31	41	L 63,528
10-4	Green Bay	24	10	W 63,769
10-11	at Miami	17	21	L 68,633
10-18	at San Francisco	17	56	L 63,302
11-1	L.A. Rams	30	28	W 62,168
11-9	San Francisco	3	41	L 67,404
11-15	Phoenix	20	17	W 58,477
11-22	at Buffalo	14	41	L 80,004
11-29	New England	34	0	W 54,494
12-3	at New Orleans	14	22	L 68,591
12-13	at Tampa Bay	35	7	W 39,056
12-21	Dallas	17	41	L 67,036
12-27	at L.A. Rams	27	38	L 37,706
		327	414	

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (First Weekend)

1. Atlanta at Detroit 1:00
2. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
3. Denver at New York Jets 1:00
4. Kansas City at Tampa Bay 1:00
5. L.A. Rams vs. Green Bay at Milw. 12:00
6. Miami at Indianapolis 12:00
7. Minnesota at L.A. Raiders 1:00
8. New England at Buffalo 1:00
9. New York Giants at Chicago 3:00
10. Phoenix at Philadelphia 1:00
11. San Francisco at Pittsburgh 1:00
12. Seattle at San Diego 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 5

13. Houston at New Orleans 7:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

14. Dallas at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (Second Weekend)

15. Buffalo at Dallas 3:00
16. Chicago at Minnesota 12:00
17. Detroit at New England 1:00
18. Indianapolis at Cincinnati 1:00
19. Kansas City at Houston 12:00
20. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
21. New York Jets at Miami 4:00
22. Philadelphia at Green Bay 12:00
23. Phoenix at Washington 1:00
24. Pittsburgh at L.A. Rams 1:00
25. San Diego at Denver 2:00
26. Tampa Bay at New York Giants 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 12

27. L.A. Raiders at Seattle 5:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

28. San Francisco at Cleveland 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (Third Weekend)

*Open dates: AFC East except New England,
NFC Central except Detroit*

29. Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
30. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
31. Cleveland at L.A. Raiders 1:00
32. Detroit at New Orleans 12:00
33. Houston at San Diego 1:00
34. L.A. Rams at New York Giants 1:00
35. Seattle at New England 1:00
36. Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 19

37. Dallas at Phoenix 5:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

38. Denver at Kansas City 8:00

SUNDAY, September 26 (Fourth Weekend)

*Open dates: AFC West except Seattle,
NFC East except Phoenix*

39. Cleveland at Indianapolis 12:00
40. Green Bay at Minnesota 12:00
41. L.A. Rams at Houston 12:00
42. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
43. Phoenix at Detroit 1:00
44. San Francisco at New Orleans 3:00
45. Seattle at Cincinnati 4:00
46. Tampa Bay at Chicago 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 26

47. New England at New York Jets 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

48. Pittsburgh at Atlanta 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 (Fifth Weekend)

*Open dates: AFC Central, New England,
Phoenix*

49. Atlanta at Chicago 12:00
50. Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
51. Green Bay at Dallas 12:00
52. Indianapolis at Denver 2:00
53. L.A. Raiders at Kansas City 12:00
54. Minnesota at San Francisco 1:00
55. New Orleans at L.A. Rams 1:00
56. Philadelphia at New York Jets 4:00
57. San Diego at Seattle 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 3

58. New York Giants at Buffalo 8:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

59. Washington at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 (Sixth Weekend)

Open dates: NFC West, Detroit, Seattle

60. Chicago at Philadelphia 1:00
61. Cincinnati at Kansas City 12:00
62. Dallas at Indianapolis 12:00
63. Miami at Cleveland 1:00
64. New England at Phoenix 1:00
65. New York Giants at Washington 1:00
66. New York Jets at L.A. Raiders 1:00
67. San Diego at Pittsburgh 1:00
68. Tampa Bay at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10

69. Denver at Green Bay 6:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

70. Houston at Buffalo 9:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
(Seventh Weekend)

*Open dates: AFC East except New England,
NFC Central except Detroit*

71. L.A. Rams at Atlanta 7:30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

72. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
73. Houston at New England 1:00
74. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
75. New Orleans at Pittsburgh 1:00
76. Philadelphia at New York Giants 1:00
77. San Francisco at Dallas 3:00
78. Seattle at Detroit 1:00
79. Washington at Phoenix 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

80. L.A. Raiders at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

(Eighth Weekend)

*Open dates: AFC West except Seattle,
NFC East except Phoenix*

81. Atlanta at New Orleans 12:00
82. Buffalo at New York Jets 1:00
83. Cincinnati at Houston 12:00
84. Detroit at L.A. Rams 1:00
85. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00
86. New England at Seattle 1:00
87. Phoenix at San Francisco 1:00
88. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24

89. Indianapolis at Miami 7:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

90. Minnesota at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

(Ninth Weekend)

Open dates: AFC Central

91. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
92. Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00
93. Kansas City at Miami 1:00
94. L.A. Rams at San Francisco 1:00
95. New England at Indianapolis 1:00
96. New Orleans at Phoenix 2:00
97. New York Jets at New York Giants 1:00
98. San Diego at L.A. Raiders 1:00
99. Seattle at Denver 2:00
100. Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 31

101. Detroit at Minnesota 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

102. Washington at Buffalo 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

(Tenth Weekend)

Open dates: NFC West

103. Buffalo at New England 1:00
104. Denver at Cleveland 1:00
105. L.A. Raiders at Chicago 3:00
106. Miami at New York Jets 4:00
107. New York Giants at Dallas 12:00
108. Philadelphia at Phoenix 2:00
109. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00

110. San Diego at Minnesota 12:00
111. Seattle at Houston 12:00
112. Tampa Bay at Detroit 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7

113. Indianapolis at Washington 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

114. Green Bay at Kansas City 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

(Eleventh Weekend)

Open dates: Detroit, New England

115. Atlanta at L.A. Rams 1:00
116. Cleveland at Seattle 1:00
117. Green Bay at New Orleans 12:00
118. Houston at Cincinnati 1:00
119. Kansas City at L.A. Raiders 1:00
120. Miami at Philadelphia 1:00
121. Minnesota at Denver 2:00
122. New York Jets at Indianapolis 4:00
123. Phoenix at Dallas 12:00
124. San Francisco at Tampa Bay 1:00
125. Washington at New York Giants 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 14

126. Chicago at San Diego 5:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

127. Buffalo at Pittsburgh 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

(Twelfth Weekend)

Open dates: Phoenix, Seattle

128. Chicago at Kansas City 12:00
129. Cincinnati at New York Jets 1:00
130. Dallas at Atlanta 1:00
131. Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milw. 12:00
132. Houston at Cleveland 1:00
133. Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
134. L.A. Raiders at San Diego 1:00
135. New England at Miami 1:00
136. New York Giants at Philadelphia 4:00
137. Pittsburgh at Denver 2:00
138. Washington at L.A. Rams 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 21

139. Minnesota at Tampa Bay 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

140. New Orleans at San Francisco 6:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

(Thirteenth Weekend)

141. Chicago at Detroit 12:30
142. Miami at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

143. Buffalo at Kansas City 3:00
144. Cleveland at Atlanta 1:00
145. Denver at Seattle 1:00
146. L.A. Raiders at Cincinnati 1:00
147. New Orleans at Minnesota 12:00
148. New York Jets at New England 1:00
149. Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
150. Phoenix at New York Giants 4:00
151. San Francisco at L.A. Rams 1:00
152. Tampa Bay at Green Bay 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 28

153. Pittsburgh at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

154. San Diego at Indianapolis 9:00

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
(Fourteenth Weekend)**

155. Atlanta at Houston 12:00
 156. Denver at San Diego 1:00
 157. Green Bay at Chicago 12:00
 158. Indianapolis at New York Jets 1:00
 159. Kansas City at Seattle 1:00
 160. L.A. Raiders at Buffalo 1:00
 161. L.A. Rams at Phoenix 2:00
 162. Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
 163. New England at Pittsburgh 1:00
 164. New Orleans at Cleveland 1:00
 165. New York Giants at Miami 4:00
 166. Washington at Tampa Bay 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 5

167. Cincinnati at San Francisco 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

168. Philadelphia at Dallas 8:00

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
(Fifteenth Weekend)**

169. New York Jets at Washington 12:30
 170. San Francisco at Atlanta 4:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

171. Buffalo at Philadelphia 1:00
 172. Chicago at Tampa Bay 1:00
 173. Cincinnati at New England 1:00
 174. Cleveland at Houston 12:00
 175. Dallas at Minnesota 3:00
 176. Detroit at Phoenix 2:00
 177. Indianapolis at New York Giants 1:00
 178. Kansas City at Denver 2:00
 179. L.A. Rams at New Orleans 12:00
 180. Seattle at L.A. Raiders 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 12

181. Green Bay at San Diego 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

182. Pittsburgh at Miami 9:00

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
(Sixteenth Weekend)**

183. Dallas at New York Jets 4:00
 184. Denver at Chicago 11:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

185. Atlanta at Washington 1:00
 186. Buffalo at Miami 1:00
 187. Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
 188. L.A. Rams at Cincinnati 1:00
 189. Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw. 12:00
 190. New England at Cleveland 1:00
 191. Phoenix at Seattle 1:00
 192. San Diego at Kansas City 3:00
 193. San Francisco at Detroit 4:00
 194. Tampa Bay at L.A. Raiders 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 19

195. Philadelphia at Indianapolis 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

196. New York Giants at New Orleans 8:00

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
(Seventeenth Weekend)**

197. Houston at San Francisco 2:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

198. Atlanta at Cincinnati 1:00
 199. Cleveland at L.A. Rams 1:00
 200. Detroit at Chicago 12:00
 201. Indianapolis at New England 1:00
 202. L.A. Raiders at Green Bay 12:00
 203. New Orleans at Philadelphia 1:00
 204. New York Giants at Phoenix 2:00
 205. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
 206. Pittsburgh at Seattle 1:00
 207. Tampa Bay at Denver 2:00
 208. Washington at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 26

209. Kansas City at Minnesota 7:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

210. Miami at San Diego 6:00

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
(Eighteenth Weekend)**

211. Minnesota at Washington 3:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

212. Buffalo at Indianapolis 1:00
 213. Chicago at L.A. Rams 1:00
 214. Cincinnati at New Orleans 3:00
 215. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
 216. Dallas at New York Giants 1:00
 217. Denver at L.A. Raiders 1:00
 218. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
 219. Miami at New England 1:00
 220. Phoenix at Atlanta 1:00
 221. San Diego at Tampa Bay 4:00
 222. Seattle at Kansas City 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 2

223. New York Jets at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

224. Philadelphia at San Francisco 6:00

POSTSEASON

Saturday, Jan. 8 AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (ABC)
 Sunday, Jan. 9 AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
 Saturday, Jan. 15 AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
 Sunday, Jan. 16 AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
 Sunday, Jan. 23 AFC and NFC Conference Championships (NBC and CBS)
 Sunday, Jan. 30 Super Bowl XXVIII at Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA (NBC)
 Sunday, Feb. 6 AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Honolulu, Hawaii (ESPN)

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Oak Ridge	WATO	1290 AM

The radio team of **BILL ROSINSKI** and **JEFF VAN NOTE** were teamed together on Falcons broadcasts for the first time last year and became an instant hit winning the prestigious award from Associated Press for best sports play-by-play team. The tandem will be joined in the booth by Neil Williamson and producer/engineer Dave Baker.

ROSINSKI, a Buffalo, N.Y. native, called the action for Mutual Radio in Washington, D.C. for seven years. His expertise in the world of sports ranges from making the call at the Super Bowl to Olympics to U.S. Open tennis, among others.

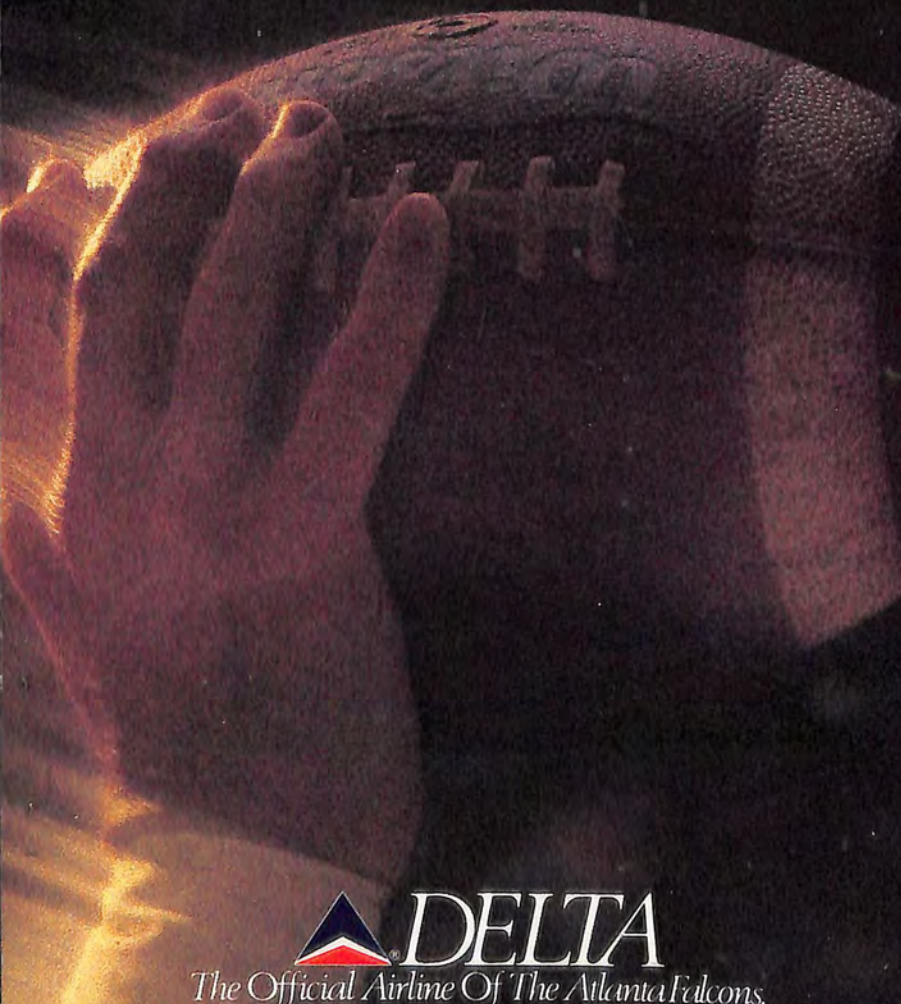
VAN NOTE, an 18-year NFL veteran on the Falcons offensive line, will again rely on his experience in the League to inform listeners. He is the club leader in games played with 246 and he also performed in six Pro Bowls from his center position.

WILLIAMSON, a Dekalb County native, is the newest member of the Falcons radio team. The Director of Sports Marketing at WSB has been a popular sports voice for 13 years in the area, including a stint as Sports Director at 94Q in the 1980's.



Bill Rosinski will handle the play-by-play chores for the Falcons in his second season in '93.

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